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'DEMON' STAB MAN LOCKED UP

Report by John Scott

A PARANOID schizophrenic who believed he was possessed by a demon when launching a ferocious knife attack has been sentenced to indefinite detention in a secure psychiatric hospital.

Tommy Smith can only be freed on the orders of the Home Secretary if, and when, doctors are satisfied that the 18-year-old's mental issues have been resolved.

The teenager's mental health disintegrated after alcohol and drug abuse, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

He was released from Werrington Young Offenders Institution in Stoke on home detention and curfew in January last year after being locked up for two knifepoint robberies.

The following month Smith, then living in Grove Street, Dudley, stabbed 66-year-old Peter Churm at least ten times in the victim's driveway at nearby Owen Street.

Mr Churm was stabbed in the chest, side, head, neck and forearm. One of the victim's ears was split while the other had the lobe almost completely severed.

The attack was carried out with such force that Smith's eight-inch knife broke in two.

Onslaught

Smith, who was short of money, launched the onslaught after Mr Churm refused to hand over the keys to his son's Range Rover on February 24 last year.

The defendant later told forensic psychiatrist Dr Jon Kennedy that he started suffering from hallucinations three weeks before the stabbing. Smith also claimed that at the time of the attack he was possessed by a demon.

It was accepted by the defence that Smith was the knifeman but he denied all charges claiming he did not know what he was doing.

He was acquitted of attempted murder but convicted of grievous bodily harm and burglary by the jury at a trial earlier this year.

Judge Amjad Nawaz ruled: "This young man is not only a danger to himself but those around him."

The judge imposed a hospital order with an added restriction that means the approval of the Home Secretary will be required for Smith to be set free, if doctors have decided he is safe to release. Smith will be held at Ashworth high security psychiatric hospital in Merseyside.

Following the hearing, Mr Churm's family said the attack had left him physically and mentally scarred.

It said: "Peter Churm is a husband, father and grandfather. The violent action of Tommy Smith has wrought havoc upon us all. The attack has changed the way we view our lives. We are a family still attempting to come to terms with such savagery."

TWO-YEAR-OLD HARPER IS MOTHER'S MIDWIFE

The world's youngest midwife – Brave Harper, aged two, with her mother Natalie Poole, of Dudley, and baby sister Poppy

A TWO-YEAR-OLD turned midwife when she calmly helped her mother give birth to her baby sister at their Dudley home.

Demonstrating bravery well beyond her years, Harper Poole was the only other person at their Ashenhurst Road home when mum Natalie went into labour on Wednesday, June 8.

"It was all happening really quickly," said 34-year-old Natalie.

"I rang the hospital and I managed to get myself into the bath but I needed Harper to hold the phone to my ear.

"She was just so calm and didn't panic at all. She fetched warm towels and kept holding the phone to my ear throughout."

Before the emergency services arrived, Natalie gave birth to baby Poppy.

Inseparable

"Harper stayed with me through it all," said Natalie.

"She said to me afterwards 'I saw the baby pop out mum!' None of it fazed her."

Mother, newborn and her courageous big sister are all doing fine and mum Natalie thinks it may have created a special bond with the sisters now inseparable.

"Harper won't leave Poppy's side. They have a special bond already," she said.

Russells Hall Hospital employee Michelle Rushby visited Natalie and the girls for a post-natal check, and was amazed by Harper's calm involvement.

"It is fantastic," said Michelle. "I have never heard of anything like this before. We often hear about home births, but I have never heard of someone so young helping her mum to give birth. I am so proud of Harper."

CRIME

Arson attack on industrial estate

ARSONISTS struck at an industrial estate in Brierley Hill causing thousands of pounds worth of damage.

Four units were broken into on the Premier Partnership Industrial Estate, in Leys Road, Brockmoor, and one car was torched. The incident was believed to have happened on Wednesday at 4.20am. Distraught owners, who did not wish to be named, said it could have potentially put them out of business.

Anyone with information should call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

HEALTH

GP practice rated as 'outstanding'

A DUDLEY medical practice has been rated as 'outstanding'.

Eve Hill Medical Practice in Himley Road, which provides GP services to 7,100 patients, was rated as 'outstanding' overall by inspectors who visited in March.

The practice is one of only three that hold the outstanding rating across the whole of Birmingham and the Black Country. This financial year 28 Dudley practices have been inspected with 23 receiving an overall rating of 'good'.

ROADS

Stop and go signs during resurfacing

MOTORISTS have been warned to expect delays on a busy route in the Black Country for the rest of this week.

Traffic will be directed by stop and go signals on Hayes Lane, Lye, in Stourbridge until tomorrow (Friday).

Workers will be resurfacing the carriageway, which joins a T-junction connecting to the busy A458 running between Stourbridge and Halesowen.

The work, not far from the Lye By-pass and opposite Bald's Lane, will take place outside of peak times but motorists have been warned delays will be likely during other periods of the day.

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Spencer brands documentary 'deceitful'

A FORMER chief suspect has branded a documentary into the 1978 murder of Stourbridge paper boy Carl Bridgewater as 'deceitful'.

Bert Spencer, who has always denied killing the 13-year-old, criticised criminologist Professor David Wilson and the Channel 4 documentary for rehashing old allegations as new revelations.

Professor Wilson carried out a series of interviews with 76-year-old Spencer for 'Interview With A Murderer', which aired earlier this month. The criminologist spent more than 20 hours in Spencer's company,

Revelations in the programme prompted Dudley North MP Ian Austin to calls for the police investigation to be reopened. The shooting at Yew Tree Farm shocked the nation 38 years ago.

Last week Spencer said he 'categorically denies' the allegations after his ex-wife Janet, speaking publicly for the first time in the documentary, seemed to cast doubt on his alibi.

He said he 'had no involvement in this heinous crime' and any suggestion otherwise was 'hearsay and invention'. He described the programme as deceitful and accused Professor Wilson of being two-faced.

Spencer said he did not regret taking part in the documentary and claimed had been 'inundated' with supportive comments.

He said: "I do not run, I do not hide. I never will, no matter how difficult times like this become. I didn't have to take part in the documentary but had to so to put an end to these scurrilous allegations I've had to live with for almost half of my life.

A Channel 4 spokesman said: "Bert Spencer approached Professor Wilson via his biographer and asked him to interview him and challenge him. Spencer willingly agreed for these interviews to be filmed. We could not have foreseen the startling new revelations which have unfolded in the making of this film."

Professor Wilson declined to comment.

Man cleared on charge of attempted murder

A JURY has found a Dudley man accused of pushing his former girlfriend from a third storey window not guilty of attempted murder.

Marlon Bills, aged 44, stood trial at Birmingham Crown Court after Lisa Turner, also 44, fell from the window in Himley Road, Dudley, on December 10, last year.

Miss Turner was found on the ground outside a block of flats in a critical condition having sustained a spinal injury and broken ankle.

Bills was also accused of resisting police arrest.

The court had heard that when police arrived at the scene Bills was arrested inside his flat, during which he was found to be in possession of a knife and was Tasered by officers.

Harm

Returning their verdicts on Monday, the jurors found Bills not guilty of attempted murder, but he was found guilty of the lesser charges of causing grievous bodily harm with intent and attempted wounding with intent to prevent lawful apprehension.

He had also previously pleaded guilty to breaching a restraining order.

After hearing the jury's verdict, Judge Patrick Thomas QC adjourned the sentencing so that a pre-sentence report can be prepared on Bills.

Bills will remain in custody until he is sentenced on August 3.

Royal Mail worker held on to Christmas post

A POSTAL worker for Royal Mail stored more than 1,200 items of post in his flat over the Christmas and New Year period, a court heard.

Jordan Priest, aged 24, of Braemar Close, Sedgley, was discovered keeping the packets at his home, Dudley Magistrates Court heard.

Priest pleaded guilty to two charges of being engaged in the business of a postal operator when he delayed or opened a post packet.

The first charge related to 1,225 parcels between December 15 and January 11 this year. The second was for 64 packets 'on or about' January 26.

During Monday's hearing, Mr Sam Coe, prosecuting, said: "Mr Priest works in postal operation and does not deliver post.

"It started in January of this year when a phone call said post had been recovered from a block of flats and it was Mr Priest's address and postal area."

Distress

Mr Andrew Brocklehurst, defending, said that Priest, who has no previous convictions. has been fully co-operating with Royal Mail.

He added: "This incident comes after he was in a very stressful situation and his partner's grandmother died of cancer on Boxing Day.

"He understands that it was a huge amount of mail over the Christmas period that caused a lot of distress to people."

Priest was granted unconditional bail to appear before Wolverhampton Magistrates Court on Monday. July 4.

Royal Mail brought the prosecution against Priest. A spokesman said he no longer worked for the Royal Mail, adding: "Royal Mail has a zero tolerance approach to any dishonesty and the safety and security of mail is of the utmost importance to this business.

"It is a criminal offence to tamper with or delay the delivery of mail and anyone caught doing so will face serious disciplinary measures."

He added: "Royal Mail will always seek to prosecute the tiny minority of people who abuse their position of trust."

Albion's oldest fan dies aged 108

Lifelong West Bromwich Albion Fan Jack Jones met Albion legend Tony 'Bomber' Brown at the Hawthorns last year

A BAGGIES superfan who was born just 30 years after the club was founded has died aged 108.

Tributes have been paid to Albion supporter Jack Jones, who lived through the reign of five monarchs.

Believed to be the oldest person in the Midlands, Jack was described as 'Albion through and through' by Baggies legend Tony 'Bomber' Brown.

Born in Enville on February 12, 1908, Jack attended his first Albion match at the age of 12. Jack was a guest of honour at The Hawthorns in February last year when he celebrated his 107th birthday by watching his beloved Baggies beat Southampton 1-0.

In the Second World War Jack helped build Spitfires and later worked as a lorry driver. He married married Winifred in 1939 and was widowed in 1989.

His final visit to The Hawthorns included a meeting with one of his heroes, Tony 'Bomber' Brown. He was also presented with a personalised shirt – Jack 107 – and a signed match ball by captain Darren Fletcher.

Nischa Pritchard, care manager at Tudor Manor Care Home in Stourbridge, where Jack had lived since 2013, said: "Jack always enjoyed talking about his memories supporting the Albion."

Tony Brown said: "He was a delightful man, a great man and tremendous character who was Albion through and through."

Cat loses eye in horrific attack

A CAT lost its eye after it was shot with an air rifle by a thug in Dudley.

The RSPCA has launched an investigation after the incident which saw 18-month-old black longhair Milo targeted in Somery Road.

His owner, Laurie Haywood, immediately took him to a vet where she was told that his eye could not be saved.

She said: "Milo was in severe shock. I saw the injuries and it was horrific. He must have been in so much pain. Sadly, the vet said that his eye could not be saved and that it had to be removed."

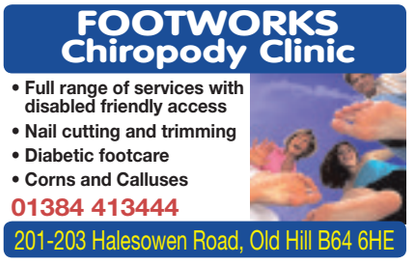
RSPCA inspector Steve Morrall said: "This is a shocking incident."

Anyone with information about the shooting, which happened on Sunday, May 15, should call the RSPCA on 0300 123 8018.

Morris men step up for pub night

TWO Black Country Morris sides are teaming up for an evening of dance.

The First Sedgley Morris Men will be joined by Bedcote Morris from Stourbridge at the beer garden of the Beacon Hotel, Bilston Street, on August 4.



Now learning centre is hit by invasion of caravans

TRAVELLERS have moved onto their caravans onto the car park of a Dudley community centre — just days after a group was moved on from a nearby park.

Around 20 caravans set up on the car park of the Dudley Wood Neighbourhood Learning Centre and Library Link community centre on Friday evening.

Ward councillor Bryan Cotterill said he had spoken to management at the centre.

Councillor Cotterill said: "I was informed on Friday that around 20 caravans had set up camp on the car park of the Dudley Wood Neighbourhood Learning Centre.

"I don't know where they have come from. ravellers seem to be everywhere in Dudley at the moment.

"I will be speaking with our legal representatives at the council to see if we can get them moved along as quickly as possible.

"Having spoken to management, they are going to have to play it by ear on whether they want to call off the youth club meeting."

Travellers were moved on from Priory Park in Dudley on Thursday, while camps were also recently set up on Woodside Park and Hurst Green Park in Halesowen.

The camp is the latest in a variety of cases in Dudley this year. Earlier this year camped on the cinema car park at the bottom of Castle Hill and caravans also moved onto the car park at Dudley Leisure Centre.

Four arrests over theme park attack

FOUR teenagers have been arrested on suspicion of assault after 15-year-old from Dudley was injured at Alton Towers.

Staffordshire Police said it was questioning a 13-year-old well as a 14-year-old and two 15-year-olds, after the incident at Alton Towers on Thursday.

The force said the four boys in custody are all from Liverpool and were arrested after site security staff called the police shortly after 4pm.

A 15-year-old boy from Dudley had to be airlifted to the Royal Derby Hospital after suffering facial injuries.

His condition is described as stable.

The force has appealed for witnesses to contact police on 101, or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Homes proposed next to farm site

NINE new homes are proposed for a site next to a farm in Stourbridge, under new plans.

An application for the homes to the rear of Old Farm, County Lane, has been lodged with Dudley Council.

Grant of £20k to repair Top Church

St Thomas and St Luke – Top Church

A DUDLEY church has been given a £20,000 grant to carry out urgent repairs to stonework and windows.

St Thomas and St Luke has been awarded a share of a £391,000 payout for 29 churches and chapels nationwide from the National Churches Trust.

The church, known to generations of Dudley folk as 'Top Church' due to its location on the High Street dates back to the 19th Century, though a previous church dated from the medieval era.

The Grade II* Listed Regency Gothic building designed by the architect William Brooks, was built in the 1810s.

St Thomas and St Luke is on Historic England's 'heritage at risk' register – particularly the east window, designed by Joseph Backler in 1810, which depicts the Ascension of Christ.

Treasures

It also features on the Church of England's list of 100 art treasures in English churches that are at risk.

The £20,000 grant will help to fund repairs to stonework and corroding cast iron window frames. These essential works will pave the way for more extensive repairs in the future.

Church leaders said new glazed entrance doors will make the building more welcoming and attractive, whilst also ensuring the historic interior and painted east window are visible to the public.

Broadcaster and journalist Huw Edwards, vice-president of the National Churches Trust said: "This urgently required work will guarantee the future of one of Dudley's most iconic buildings."

Council to shut its last residential care home

THE LAST council-run residential care home in Dudley is to close.

Cash-strapped Dudley Council has approved a move to close Russell Court Residential Intermediate Care Home in September.

This will put 62 jobs at risk and forcing its nine permanent residents to move.

Council chiefs have ruled the care home will be shut on September 30, as part of a move to save £500,000 in 2016-17.

By closing the home on Overfield Road, they expect to make £1 million in savings for 2017-18.

The decision has infuriated UKIP Councillor Paul Brothwood, who fears it will lead to more 'bed-blocking' in local hospitals.

He said: "Time and time again the council makes short term decisions to either close or privatise care homes, and it is only putting more pressure on the health service.

Crisis

"The NHS is in a state of crisis and if people can't get out of hospital into care homes like this then beds will continue to be blocked."

Russell Court is Dudley's only remaining residential home for older people which is solely managed by the authority. It serves as a stepping stone between hospital and home, with a maximum of 23 intermediate patients at the home at any one time.

Those employed at the home include managers, senior care officers, business support staff, domestics, kitchen staff and care assistants. There are also three therapists.

Transfers, redeployment and voluntary redundancies are proposed for the staff 'to keep the need for compulsory redundancy to a minimum'.

Chiefs said the care home was in need of 'substantial updating' to bring it up to required standards. A quote last year put the cost of refurbishment at £1m.

Councillor Qadar Zada, council cabinet member for adult social care, said: "Over recent years Russell Court has moved from providing long term residential care to intermediate care on a short term basis. It does, however, now need substantial work to update it to the required standards for intermediate care and the decision has been taken to close it.

"The well-being of our residents is of the utmost importance and the council will support the nine residents to transfer to alternative homes."

Peak performance to boost charities

Ian Austin and Mohammed Hanif with the team who will be flying the Black Country flag from Ben Nevis

THE Mayor of Dudley and an MP are among a group of climbers gearing up to scale Ben Nevis in memory of the Dudley mountaineer, peace campaigner and charity fundraiser Bert Bissell.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin and mayor Councillor Mohammed Hanif will join around 20 fundraisers tackling Britain's highest mountain on August 11.

The money raised from the trek will go to the this year's mayor's charities – the Friends of Alfie Johnson which helps children with disabilities and the Dudley Centre for Inclusive Living which supports local people with disabilities and Diabetes UK.

Mr Austin described Bert Bissell, who was a friend of his family, as an inspiration. Mr Bissell was a probation officer and founded the Young Men's Bible Class at Vicar Street, Dudley. He scaled Ben Nevis at the end of the Second World War to create a peace cairn near its summit. He died in 1998 and is buried near the mountain.

"I'm delighted that the number of local people taking part in our climb and making a donation is growing every year and it goes to show the enduring legacy of Bert's work in the community," said Mr Austin. "He was a legendary figure and an inspiration to so many of us." To support the trek, visit bertbissellmemorialwalk.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

GP services are 'outstanding'

A BRIERLEY Hill surgery has received an outstanding rating from the Care Quality Commission for several services. Inspectors rated AW Surgeries as outstanding for responsiveness, care of older people, well-led for people with vulnerable circumstances.

A rating of good was given for caring, safety and effectiveness with, overall, the practice as rated as good.

AW Surgeries provides GP services to approximately 17,810 patients in Brierley Hill. Dr Ruth Edwards, one of the GPs, said: "We are very proud of this achievement."

MP organises a fair for Aldi jobs

MP Ian Austin has organised a jobs fair focussing on opportunities at the new Aldi store on the Priory Road site of the King Arthur pub.

Residents have been invited to discuss jobs and questions about the supermarket with Aldi bosses on Saturday at 11am at Priory Primary School, Limes Road. The store will open later this year employing 35 and six deputy managers. Dudley North MP Mr Austin said: "One of the reasons local people supported Aldi's plan for a new supermarket was because it would create over 40 new jobs."

Fun times for the under 5s at park

A BIG weekend of fun at Himley Hall and Park kicks off tomorrow (Friday).

The park will be transformed with a man-made beach for the under-5s and the Himley land train will be departing from a specially created Himley Station.

The annual fun day, from 10am to 3pm, is this year supported by the Grand Theatre. Admission is £4 for adults, £4 for children aged two to five and £2.50 for children under 2. A family ticket costs £14.

Celebrating song and dance from Tudor era

A CHURCH in Halesowen is planning a celebration of all things Elizabethan on Saturday.

The Tudor and Shakespeare event takes place on Saturday from 10.15am to 5pm at St John the Baptist Church, Halesowen's parish church and the town's oldest building. People can listen to a free morning concert by counter-tenor Jonathan Spencer, lutenist Mike Ashley and recorder player David Yates. With dancing and sonnets in the afternoon.

High Street plans

PROPOSALS to build more than 30 homes and three shops in Dudley town centre are being considered by Dudley Council. The development would see a two-storey building, situated on 75-79 of Dudley High Street, transformed into 33 apartments and three commercial units.

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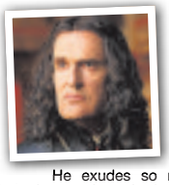
THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

THE hour approaches. If you've missed the arguments on the EU referendum, here's a quick summary. If we vote Leave, income tax will go up, pensions will be cut, a plague of locusts will descend and we get Michael Gove as prime minister. If we vote Remain, our kettles will stop working, all bananas will be straight and a million Turks will arrive at Dover next weekend. Good luck.

IN a recent item on synaesthesia, the condition which jumbles up the senses, I suggested that Wednesdays were yellow. A reader insists they are blue. Damn this colour blindness.

ONE headline on this week's revelations about Clement Freud was: "Shocked widow says sorry to her husband's victims." In fact, Lady Freud apologised quickly and did not seem in the least shocked. I fear this will run and run.

I'M already missing Ben Elton's comedy series, Upstart Crow (BBC2) starring David Mitchell as the yet-to-be-famous Shakespeare, bouncing half-formed speeches and sonnets off his unappreciative friends and family. Elton kept the in-jokes at an Eng Lit level most of us could understand. But quite why he gave Shakespeare's family Birmingham accents is anyone's guess. Shakespeare came from Warwickshire so it's likely his family spoke with a rural Warwickshire accent. Could it be, forsooth, that Elton, like so many Londoners, simply thinks Brummies are good for a cheap laugh?



HAS there ever been a more deliciously detestable telly-villain than Rupert Everett as Feron, the corrupt Governor of Paris in The Musketeers (BBC1)? He exudes so much nastiness that when we learn he is in agony from a crumbling spine, we just want to see him wince. What a class act.

PATRIOTISM is a bit like whisky. Too little and you don't feel the effects. Too much and you're ill. At the Last Night of the Proms some years ago, everyone was merrily singing Land of Hope and Glory – except for one red-faced, frothy-mouthed maniac in the front row who appeared to be screaming the words. I was reminded of him this week when the Women's Institute annual meeting in Brighton ended unhappily. In celebration of the Queen's 90th, the audience were happy to sing Happy Birthday and the national anthem. But when it came to belting out Rule Britannia with some members in union-jack costumes, others thought it was all a bit Ukippy and remained seated, for which they were harangued online and ordered to "enter into the British way of being British." I'm with the sitters on this. The British way is – or rather, was – not to make a fuss.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Campaign to save town centre museum

CAMPAIGNERS have urged council chiefs to think again about plans to close Dudley Museum in the town centre and move the collection to Dudley Archives in Tipton Road.

Council proposals revealed last week are being opposed by campaigner Ross Crompton.

He launched a petition to save the building which has been backed by more than 4,000 signatures.

Mr Crompton said: "The council seems to be dead set on the plan to have the museum at the archives, but that doesn't do anything for the existing site. We want to keep some form of museum in the town centre.

"You can't get rid of the building because it's listed, so the concern is what else it can be used for."

"Moving the museum to the archives means it won't benefit the same people who benefit from it as it is. It doesn't address the loss of something from the town centre."

Mr Crompton said campaigners are looking at forming a group to try to get funding to save the museum and art gallery building in St James's Road as is.

Earlier this year Dudley Council revealed the town centre municipal museum was to be closed down as a result of drastic financial cuts. Last week tourism boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said the collection would be moved to a new home close to the Black Country Living Museum

Councillor Ahmed said: "It makes absolute sense to move the exhibitions to the Archives to benefit from the existing tourism at Castle Hill.

"These are really exciting proposals."

Jobs on the horizon as estate looks to expand

By Simon Penfold

THE owner of the biggest industrial estate in the Black Country has unveiled multi-million pound plans for a massive 260,000 sq ft expansion that could create hundreds of jobs.

London & Cambridge Properties (LCP) plans to extend Pensnett Estate, Kingswinford, with a series of warehouse and industrial units.

The plans for the first phase of the development, comprising 130,000 sq ft, have been submitted to Dudley Council.

LCP is a major UK property and development company with its own headquarters on the Pensnett Estate.

Among its various Black Country sites it also owns the Wulfrun shopping centre in Wolverhampton.

Its Pensnett site is one of the biggest secure business estates in Europe, home to 170 businesses in more than 2.4 million sq fit of commercial space.

The first phase of work will create four blocks of factory and warehousing units on land behind LCP's headquarters on First Avenue.

Investment

If Dudley's planning committee gives the development the go ahead, work could start as early as the end of this year, with an anticipated completion date of late 2017.

Andrew Preston, industrial portfolio manager at LCP, said the substantial investment would enable businesses looking for industrial or warehouse units of 10,000 sq ft and above to move into premium buildings on an established, secure estate.

"We have decided to press ahead with phase 1 of this speculative development due to void levels being so low on the estate, and enquiries for businesses looking to relocate onto the estate being encouragingly high," he said.

The Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership has been supporting LCP with the development.

Awards for Beacon Centre volunteers

Time for thanks – Chief executive of the Beacon Centre Arwyn Jones, front centre, with volunteers at the awards event

THE selfless work of hundreds of volunteers has been recognised during an awards presentation at the Beacon Centre in Sedgley.

Around 250 volunteers support the Black Country sight-loss charity in a variety of roles, from shop assistants to minibus drivers. At last week's awards ceremony, held during National Volunteer Week, all the centre's helpers received a 'thank you' letter and a small gift.

One of the volunteers of the year was Heena Patel, who has been helping at the charity's Bilston shop for 16 years, working six days a week. Shop manager Sarah Fletcher said: "The shop wouldn't be the same without her. She is worth her weight in gold."

Another volunteer highlighted for her valuable contribution was Chris Guy from Finchfield, who started helping after retiring six years ago. "I wanted to keep active and do something positive," said Chris. "I am also very passionate about raising awareness of sight loss in the wider community.

The charity's chief executive Arwyn Jones said: "It is so important to hold these awards, to say thank you for all the wonderful work our volunteers do for us. We couldn't do it without them."

The Beacon Centre's volunteer programme opportunities available at both its Sedgley and Stourbridge centres, including positions on the talking newspaper. Email rshaw@beaconvision.org or call 01902 880111.

Nurse appeal after being struck off by panel

A DISGRACED nurse fighting to save his career after he was convicted of assaulting his former girlfriend faces an anxious wait to learn the outcome of his case.

Black County nurse James Kearsey was found guilty by magistrates of putting his hand around his ex's throat at her home in Blackpool in July 2013.

He failed to tell his bosses at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital and in November, following a disciplinary hearing, a Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) panel ordered that he be struck off for misconduct.

The Stourbridge nurse was back in court – very briefly – as his lawyers began a legal bid in the High Court to overturn his striking off.

Mr Kearsey, after being present at first, hastily left the London courtroom, complaining of feeling sick.

Barrister Gemma Hobcraft claimed striking him off had been 'unfair' due to a series of problems with the NMC hearing.

Some of the evidence which had gone before the panel was 'irrelevant', she argued. Other material, contained in an account of his original interview by his employer, should not have been included in evidence, she continued.

Lawyers representing the NMC said the decision of the panel should stand. The court heard the panel had found that Mr Kearsey deliberately withheld the conviction from his bosses and the NMC, the professional nurses' body.

Mr Justice Ouseley said he would give his ruling at a later date.

Dozen brewing for beer festival

A DOZEN breweries from in and around the Black Country have joined forces for the Dudley Beer Festival this summer.

The event in Brierley Hill Civic Hall from July 29 to 31 will also form part of this year's Black Country Festival.

It will run from 12 noon each day with 'meet the brewers' sessions on the opening day.

There will be a comedy night on the Friday from 6pm organised by Can Comedy with stand-ups including Dudley's own Wayne Beese, Matt Richards and Nipper Thomas.

Saturday is a music night with The Empty Can, who recorded the Black Country anthem, among those performing.

The final day will feature local comedy troupe the Fizzogs.

Wine expert to talk on homemade tipples

A HOME wine-making expert will be giving a talk at Stourbridge Library on July 28. Tom Keys will give a practical demonstration of wine making using fruits in season at 2.30pm.

Tickets are £3. To book a place call (01384) 812945.

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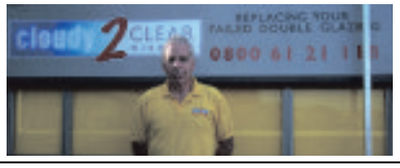

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Ambitious £500k bid to revamp canal

AN HISTORIC stretch of canal in Halesowen could be given a new lease of life after campaigners launched an ambitious £500,000 restoration bid.

The Halesowen Abbey Trust has drawn up plans to restore the Lapal Canal in Halesowen and re-connect it to existing canal routes in the Black Country.

Lapal Canal fell into disrepair following a failed attempt to restore the route in the 1990s.

Trust chairman Mick Freer said the plans could cost up to £500,000 but would 'return it to its former glory'. He explained: "The canal went into disuse when a tunnel network that starts in Halesowen collapsed in 1910. In the 1950s the Halesowen Borough Council restored the canal and used it for boating and fishing.

"What we are trying to do is restore the canal and return it back to its former glory. Roy Burgess, a founding member of Halesowen Abbey Trust, will be leading the restoration. Roy has a keen interest in canals. The restoration will make the site a haven for wildlife."

Mr Freer estimated around a mile stretch of the canal would need to be restored to be linked with the existing canal network that surrounds Halesowen. Clay would need to be re-laid on the canal path to make it watertight.

"The council can't afford to fund the project, so registered charities need to be helping out," added Mr Freer.

He said the trust will need to source funding but if there were a public appetite for the project they could put the wheels in motion.

The canal is situated above Leasowes Park on an embankment. The trust say once the restoration is complete boating and fishing could return to the canal.

Mr Freer said the canal could be extended in both directions as part of the scheme. The section from Mucklow Hill was cut off when the Lapal tunnel became impassable in 1922.

Pleasure boats ran on the stretch until the 1940s but it was reduced to fishing only in the 1960s and damaged in the 1990s by dredging.

To get involved contact Mr Freer via email mick.freer@leasoweswalledgarden.co.uk

Society is investing in future as profits rise

PROFITS were up by £448,000 at Dudley Building Society over the last financial year.

The pre-tax profit figure for the year to the end of March was £1.335 million from £887,000 for 2014-2015. Total assets have risen to more than £350m as it undertook £57.4m of lending with reserves rising to £19.9m.

Chief executive Jeremy Wood said: "I am pleased that we are announcing another year of growth that has been achieved in a controlled and measured way. This year has seen us update our lending policies, introduce new products, improve service standards and concentrate our efforts on where we believe our greatest strengths lie.

"We have continued to invest in our Society and our branch network, most recently the relocation of our Kingswinford branch to a bigger more prominent home in the Townsend Place precinct.

"It is important that we stay true to our roots and respond to demand – receiving pleasing national press coverage when we scrapped upper age limits for borrowers across our whole mortgage product range is testimony to that."

The 158-year-old society's annual general meeting is at Himley Hall on July 21 at 2pm when special guest Pippa Greenwood, the TV gardening expert, will be give a talk.

Branch users have selected Mary Stevens Hospice as their chosen charity of the year, which will see it receive a donation for every member that votes as part of the AGM.

Customer vote for charity to benefit

SAINSBURY'S customers can vote in the supermarket's Local Charity of the Year scheme.

Each store has shortlisted a maximum of three charities to put forward for the customer vote. Charities in the running for Sainsbury's Amblecote and Merry Hill include Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, White House Cancer Support and The Salvation Army.

Julie Bate, for Sainsbury's Amblecote, said: "I would like to thank all our customers and colleagues who have supported our fundraising activities for the Paul Ackrill Fund and Dudley's Alzheimer's Society over the last twelve months."

Customers can vote in-store or online at www.sainsburyslocalcharity.co.uk until Sunday.

Organ recital to be held at church

A FREE organ recital will take place in Wordsley on Sunday, July 3, at 3pm. Paul Carr will be performing at Holy Trinity Parish Church in Wordsley High Street. Further recitals will be held on August 7 and September 4.

More than 3,300 in fear of losing home

MORE than 3,300 people living in the Black Country and Staffordshire were put at risk of losing their rented home during the past year, figures reveal.

Analysis of statistics from the Ministry of Justice, by housing charity Shelter, also show that one in every 62 people in the West Midlands faced eviction after falling behind on their rent.

The figures reveal that 992 families were at risk in Sandwell compared with 893 in Wolverhampton, 731 in Dudley, 568 in Walsall, 158 in Cannock, 144 in Stafford and 91 in South Staffordshire.

Shelter says that people have been struggling because of the shortage of affordable homes combined with crippling welfare cuts.

The Government figures record possession claims, which are the first stage in a process that can ultimately end with the loss of a home.

Daniel Blake, an operations manager for Shelter, said: "Every day at Shelter we hear from people who are struggling to keep up with their rent, many in total desperation after the court papers land on their doormat."

More people facing eviction who are coming to the charity for help.

Helpline

More than 9,800 people at risk of losing their home called the Shelter helpline for advice in the past year with 500,000 people visiting the Shelter website's eviction advice pages. Nationally, around 350,000 tenants in England have been put at risk of eviction in the last year.

Shelter has advised those struggling to get help as soon as possible. The charity says families need to ensure keeping a roof over their head is always the number one priority.

Shelter has also advised those facing action to ensure they attend possession hearings so they can put their own cases to the judge.

Mr Blake added: "It's natural to feel overwhelmed but they are not alone and Shelter is here 365 days a year. Anyone struggling to keep up or facing eviction, or is not sure what to do next, should get expert advice as soon as possible. It can be the difference between losing a home and keeping it."

To contact Shelter for advice or support visit shelter.org.uk/advice or call 0808 8004444, alternatively visit the Birmingham advice centre on the fourth floor at Gateway House, 50-53 High Street in the city centre.

Active Brenda celebrates centenary

Brenda Twiby, centre with, back, Heather, Les and Mick Wright, front left, Margaret and Julie

A STOURBRIDGE woman celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by friends and family.

Brenda Twiby was joined by her two sons, Mike and Les Wright, to mark her landmark birthday. Mick's wife Margaret, Les' partner Julie Townsend and granddaughter Heather Wright joined the celebration at her home in Amblecote.

Mick said: "She's a wonderful woman who has always led an active life. I think her old age can be put down to her not only being active but keeping her brain busy."

Brenda was born in Duncombe Street, Wollaston, on June 13, 1916. Father, Edward Hawkeswood, ran an outfitters in Stourbridge. Her mother, Winnie, was a teacher. She had four siblings who have since died.

Mrs Twiby attended Glynne Primary School. She worked as a secretary at Webb Corbett in Amblecote until 1938. Just before the war she married Norman Knight, a motor mechanic at Wordsley Church, living in Alwen Street, Wordsley, before moving to Lyndhurst Drive in Stourbridge and then Dennis Hall Road, Stourbridge.

Norman died from cancer in 1972. A number of years later Mrs Twiby married Sydney Morgan and was widowed again before marrying Eric Twiby.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Stretch of road is shut for fortnight

A SECTION of a busy Stourbridge road will be closed while gas main works are carried out.

Amos Road, in Pedmore, will be shut from its junction with Wassell Road for about 25 metres. The roadworks will remain in place until July 5.

The closures will be set up to allow Balfour Beatty, working on behalf of National Grid Gas, to replace the gas mains. Cars will be diverted along Oakfield Road, Wassell Road and vice-versa. Access to frontages would be maintained 'where safe to do so'.

Diocese has new education chief

A NEW director of education has been appointed at the Diocese of Worcester.

Margaret James will be tasked with supporting both church and community schools across Worcestershire and Dudley.

She replaces Ann Mundy who retires as director at the end of August.

Margaret has been working with the Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools and as a training manager for the Diocese of Worcester for the past four years, supporting schools with their inspections and training.

Health bosses to outline challenges

DUDLEY Clinical Commissioning Group will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, July 7, at Brierley Hill Civic Hall in Bank Street at 5.30pm.

There will be a series of short presentations including a focus on developments and a look at current and future challenges.

Chairman Dr David Hegarty said: "The AGM is very much a meeting for local communities to get involved in their local health service."

Book by calling (01384) 321677.

Family fun day at Age Concern's day centre

A FAMILY fun day is being held at Age Concern's Mary Stevens Day Care Centre in Stourbridge.

The event at the centre beside the hospice in Hagley Road , Oldswinford, will run from 11am on Saturday.

The event will include a fun dog show and such eccentric sports as welly wanging and faggot flinging competitions.

Black Country Radio's roadshow will also be at the event.

Choir's summer concert

THE Colla Voce Choir will be performing at a Brierley Hill church next month. The annual summer concert on July 9 at St Michael's Church will include works by Mozart, Faure and Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo. Tickets for the 7.30pm concert cost £10. Call 07759 136671.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Here's an idea, get rid of all bus lanes

THERE is a brilliant spoof doing the rounds where David Cameron warns that if Britain leaves the EU, the DFS sale could be about to end.

The gag has him claiming that "A vote for Brexit is a vote for bigotry, permanent global recession and full-price sofas", explaining how King John signed the Magna Carta on The Canterbury, "a stylish corner group with floral scatter cushions."

Is it just me, or is the most insightful commentary we have had on the subject so far?

■■■

YIPPEE! I'm sure you will all be as delighted me to hear that in just 12 months Wolverhampton Council has nabbed 71,000 motorists for driving in bus lanes, generating up to £4.2 million in fines. In a city with a population of 250,000 – where 35 per cent of households have no car – that's some going.

Apparently, there is a team of trained observers whose job it is to wait for one of the cameras to go off, and then watch the footage of their quarry caught on television. Wouldn't you just love to invite them round for dinner?.

Still, the cash generated through the scheme has nothing whatsover to do with reducing the council's deficit, and all the money will be spent on 'highway improvement schemes'.

Hmm. I wonder how many of these 'improvements' involve white paint, confusing road signs, and yet more lovely cameras?

The council, of course, does not want anybody to be fined, and would love nothing more than for everybody to refrain from driving in the bus lanes.

And you know what? I agree. And I think I have come up with a very workable way that the council can turn this utopian vision into a reality. Get rid of all bus lanes.

Look, there's nothing wrong with buses, I used one myself only last week. But surely, given Wolverhampton Council's commitment to equality and diversity, it would not wish to treat some road users more equally than others.

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BESIDES, how can the driver of any vehicle be expected to understand bus lanes following new research which says the average human now has an attention span shorter than that of a goldfish?

A study commissioned by Microsoft reckons we are all now so addicted to our smart phones that our attention span is now just eight seconds, down from 12 seconds just 16 years ago. By way of comparison, a goldfish can focus for nine seconds.

Meanwhile, new research says we now have an attention span shorter than that of a goldfish. We are so addicted to our smartphones...

The rustic bridge, based on one from 1925

An old picture showing how it all used to be

One of the rooms for weddings and conferences

A view of the Shakespeare garden

On the staircase that has been boxed in to protect it

With the plaque to royal gardener John Tradescant

Bringing Lightwoods back to former glory

As work continues on Lightwoods House in Smethwick, **HEATHER LARGE** reveals its uncovered treasures

THEY'VE been hidden away for years but now historic features at a Sandwell Grade II-listed house will proudly be going back on show as part of a £5.2million restoration project.

William Morris wallpaper, grand ceiling decorations and colourful wall stencils are among the little bits of history uncovered by workers at Lightwoods House in Smethwick.

Since the house was built within the 16-acre Lightwoods Park in 1791, it's had many uses. But after the last occupants, stained glass artists John Hardman & Co Ltd, moved out eight years ago, it fell into a bad state of repair.

In February last year, a long-awaited project to bring the property back into use for the community got under way by Sandwell Council with the help of the Friends of Lightwoods House and Park.

From left, Julia Morris, council leader Steve Eling, and Richard Marshall, at Lightwoods Park

Part of the ornate cornice detail on the ceiling

Uncovered – William Morris wall coverings

Conferencing

This is has seen the roof repaired and retiled, windows and doors replaced and rotten wood removed. All of the rooms are being renovated and by next spring will be used for offices, a tea room, exhibition space, conferencing and training events, a children's centre and weddings.

"It's great seeing the house changing. The outside looks great. We haven't seen the front looking so crisp and smart for a long time. On the ground floor there will be a community or meeting room and the tea room. The upper floor is where there will be offices and the large former master bedroom which can be used for conferencing or weddings," said Julia Morris, community engagement officer for Lightwoods House and Park. Discoveries made during the renovation work will go on show once the project has been completed to ensure they are preserved for future generations.

They include original decorative ceiling cornices found in some of the rooms, which have been saved and will be replicated with help of students from Sandwell College.

William Morris wallpaper was uncovered in the master bedroom when they stripped back the ceiling and a former safe room with a heavy steel door.

Slates used on the roof are reclaimed and have been inscribed with messages from local schoolchildren.

While stencil designs were found on a wall by the main staircase and their story was told by an apprentice for John Hardman & Co Ltd, who helped create them. It's believed they have been there for around 15 years.

"We found out that an apprentice held the stencil on the wall while the artist painted. We found this out when the apprentice visited on a house tour we ran. He got told off by the boss so the design was unfinished. We plan to leave it on show and put a plaque on the wall explaining how it came about," said Julia.

It's not just the house which is undergoing a transformation. A play area has already been finished and is being enjoyed by local children. A rustic bridge has been installed, based on the design taken from an old photograph of the bridge that was there in around 1925. A new pond and wildlife area will be created nearby. Work has also begun to bring the 19th century bandstand, which will be licensed for weddings, back to life.

Also due to get a makeover is the Shakespeare garden at the back of the house, which is home to a tribute to royal gardener John Tradescant, and the drinking fountains.

Educational and events programmes are also planned for the park and house which will give people the chance to discover and learn about the park's heritage and wildlife as well volunteering and training to enable volunteers to help care for the site.

In the future, it is hoped the site can secure a Green Flag and a Green Heritage Award.

Construction work is expected to be finished in the autumn and an official opening is due to take place in the spring.

Research shows trauma link to football

I CAN understand the frustration of Dawn Astle ('Football legend's daughter hits out at lack of action by FA', The Chronicle, June 9).

The problems of repetitive head injury have been recognised and investigated for many years.

Fairly recently it was given an official name: Cumulative Traumatic Encephalopathy or CTE.

A recent film, 'Concussion', highlighted the problems, including deaths and suicides, among American football players.

The American football authorities were also very reluctant to accept medical findings or to accept any responsibility for the problems but eventually they had to and it is now costing them millions of dollars in compensation.

It's absolutely no good the FA saying they are awaiting the outcome of 'research' into this issue – the research has already been exhaustively pursued and the results are known.

ALAN ASHMAN
Sedgley

Ali always 'the greatest'

I WAS a big fan of Muhammad Ali from the early 60s when he beat Sonny Liston to win the title when no-one gave him a chance.

When he fought our Henry Cooper first time he was show-boating and got caught by the left hook and put down. Most who got caught by Henry's left hook stayed down but he got up and won the fight and also beat him when champion.

One of the best nights of my life was when I saw Ali live on stage at the Odeon, Birmingham, talking about this career. He also did three rounds exhibition with his sparring partner Jimmy Ellis. It was packed to the rafters.

Muhammad Ali was a great fighter and entertainer. I will always admire him; you will never see his like again. RIP Muhammad Ali.

M HARPER
Coseley

Only have themselves to blame

I MUST confess that whilst I have some sympathy with those who failed to get their registration to vote in the referendum.

I cannot see any reason why this should be extended.

The date of the referendum has been known for some time. Almost as much time has been devoted to the population to get registered by June 7, not on June 7.

Why did they not bother before the last hour or so before trying to register?

This modern computer technology was always going to break down when put under pressure. Past experiences with things like ticket sales have proved that.

So why did they leave it until the last few dying hours when they have had months to register their intention to vote.

It could and should have been registered long before then even if they were not even sure if they were going to vote. They only have themselves to blame.

E J JOHNSON
Warley

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Very indignant and suspicious over register extension

I'M a VIP. No, I'm not important, except possibly to friends and loved ones, no, I'm a Very Indignant Person.

Why? Simple, people who were given three months to register to vote, leaving it until the last 'minute' then finding themselves 'disenfranchised'.

So the important people in Westminster give them an extra couple of days to register themselves. Why?

Couldn't be because those already registered may not want to be a vassal of the greater European state but those who register 'late' may enable the EU 'remain' to achieve the victory they seem to badly need to justify their positions, could it?

Frankly, the decision stinks.

It is anti-democratic to try to influence the outcome on June 23, if this is the case.

Still they can always apply the same reasoning for a 're-vote' as happened in Ireland after the vote on the Lisbon agreement didn't go the way that was wanted.

Some of us do have memories greater than three seconds.

M GOUGH
Wombourne

Praise for the GPs' practice

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Family's loving tributes to motorbiking grandad

A FAMILY has paid tribute to a grandfather who was killed in a motorbike accident.

Allan Wright, aged 63, of Dudley, died in a crash while travelling on the A456 at Bewdley on June 9. No other vehicles were involved.

In a statement the family said: "Allan was a home lover and family man who had a passion for life. He adored and was devoted to his wife Helen, his children Abbie and Ashley and his granddaughter La'shae.

"He had also welcomed with open arms into the family, his future son-in-law Matt and future daughter-in-law Bekki.

"Every opportunity he had, he would be out with his wife on their motorbikes, putting plenty of miles on the clock. When he was at home he would always be found messing in his shed. He was recently talking about going on another family holiday and making it extra special for his granddaughter."

Partner

Ashley said: "Not only have I lost my best mate, my riding partner, the best teacher in the world, but most of all I've lost the best dad anybody could ask for."

Daughter Abbie said: "My dad was a funny and caring man and I hope he knew just how much we all love him. He worked extremely hard to provide for and take care of his family.

"This has come as a massive shock to us all and he has taken a big piece of each and every one of us with him."

She added: "I miss you so much dad. Sleep tight and keep riding with the angels. I love you."

The tribute shared through West Mercia Police also expressed how much Allan would be missed by future son-in-law Matt and daughter-in-law Bekki. "Sleep tight Allan – we love you. Thank you for being the dad we never had," they said. Another message read: "RIP Grandad. I will not be lucky enough to have you in my life but I know you loved me so much and you will always be remembered. Sleep tight, The world's best. Love La'shae."

His wife added: "There is this void that cannot be filled, I have lost the love of my life, a wonderful husband and friend. I thank you for the amazing life you have given me and our kids. I'm lost, my precious man. We had a fantastic life together, I love you eternally and you will never be forgotten. Helen."

Tributes to 63-year-old motorcyclist Allan Wright, after a fatal accident

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Cricketers finally batting away thieves

West Midlands PCC David Jamieson with Netherton CC President Dennis Lewis after handing over £3,000

A CRICKET club has been given £3,000 of criminals' cash to improve its security after being broken in to seven times in eight weeks.

Netherton Cricket Club had doors ripped from hinges and windows shattered during late night 'wanton vandalism', with thieves also getting away with sporting equipment, two TVs, a microwave and bar stock.

The crimes left the club volunteers worried and demoralised but to help the Office of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner issued a grant from the Proceeds of Crime Act fund, which uses criminals' ill-gotten gains for the public good. The money was spent on fitting security roller shutters on the windows, a new alarm system and a CCTV system. After one more failed attempt at a break-in, attacks on the clubhouse have dwindled.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said: "There is a sense of justice in using criminals' cash for good in the community.

"What happened at Netherton Cricket Club is awful. This is a historic community club run by volunteers that also offers lots of facilities for local youngsters and I can see why they were so disheartened to be the repeated victims of crime.

"I am so pleased this money has improved things at the club and I would encourage any community group that is facing similar issues to apply for cash through the Act, which now comes under the Active Citizens umbrella."

Dennis Lewis, President of Netherton Cricket Club, said: "The crooks now find the clubhouse impenetrable. We'd definitely encourage others to apply for this funding."

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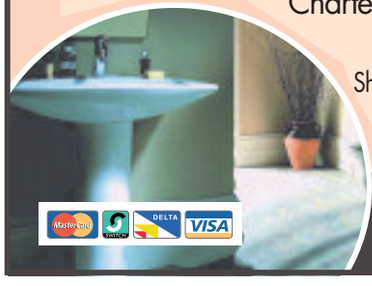

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Expansion pays off as sales soar

DW Windows Ltd has gone from strength to strength over the last 12 months since renovating its new premises in Meadow Lane, Coseley, creating one of the largest showrooms in the Midlands and generating 14 new jobs for local people.

The company's turnover has increased by 30 per cent and is well on target to double in the next couple of years.

Proud

The new state-of-the-art showroom and head office has plenty of space to allow future expansion into new areas and of course enables DW Windows Ltd to showcase many of its market leading products.

The showroom has eight conservatories and orangeries, a couple of porches and dozens of windows and doors on display, allowing customers to see, touch and feel before they invest their hardearned money.

Company director Dave Walters states: "It's been the best business decision I have ever made, opening the new place.

"The response from everyone who visits is overwhelming as the design, planning and creation of Meadow Lane is all my own doing and it really makes me proud when people congratulate me on what I have achieved. The increase in business speaks for itself.

"I am not a businessman, I am a window fitter by trade, from Bilston and have succeeded by doing the best job I can and being as honest and reliable as I can be," Dave adds.

"I try to install this work ethic into all of my staff. I have a great team around me now and I couldn't do this without them. All I ask of my fitters is to do the job better than if they were doing it in their own home and this pays off as six out of 10 of the new jobs we do are for repeat customers or recommendations."

DW Windows Ltd - Brand New 7600 square feet showroom over two floors

Success

Steve Bull, former England and Wolves legend, opened the new showroom in July last year which was a massive success and since then the phone just hasn't stopped ringing.

They are doing 40-50 quotations per week and since the open day have completed almost 500 new installations ranging from orangeries to single windows or doors. January has been the best on record with a 50 per cent increase in business on January 2015.

DW Windows Ltd are now nearing the end of their first 10 years of trading and are looking forward to the next 10 years.

Notorious jail can't hold Dave in Alcatraz challenge

HE has conquered some of the world's most gruelling endurance challenges – and now legendary fundraiser Blind Dave Heeley has ticked another one off the list.

The charity champion from West Bromwich has completed the Escape from Alcatraz triathlon. It included a swim from the infamous prison island complex.

On the run – Dave

The 58-year-old could hardly swim when he started his training for his latest challenge. But despite this he finished the triathlon on June 12 keeping supporters up to date on his Twitter account.

Participants had to complete a one-and-a-half-mile swim in the choppy waters from Alcatraz Island to the shores of the St Francis Yacht Club, then a gruelling 18-mile bike ride, and a demanding eight-mile run to finish through the trails of the Golden Gate Recreational Area.

Dave and his compatriot Tony Ellis finished the course in four hours 13 minutes and 11 seconds.

After crossing the finish line, the fundraiser extraordinaire posted a simple message on his @blinddaveheeley Twitter page: "Finished YES."

In the past Dave has crossed the Sahara and even completed seven marathons in seven days across seven continents all to raise money for good causes. But before the triathlon he said the Escape from Alcatraz attempt was one of the most daunting challenges he had ever faced.

Blind Dave and his partner Tony Ellis seen after their swimming marathon

"It's going to be one of the toughest things we have ever attempted," he said. "Once again the charity is our very own Albion Foundation so I am just hoping the very thought of what this could bring for those kids keeps us going."

Dave has already reached his £2,500 target for the Albion Foundation but anyone who wants to show their support for his achievement can still donate at www.justgiving.com/blinddaveAlcatraz. He trained for the event with open water training sessions at Sandwell Valley Country Park's Swan Pool.

Earlier this year, Dave released his autobiography, From Light to Dark: The Story of Blind Dave Heeley. It covers his remarkable story, from losing his sight at a young age to taking on challenges and raising a mammoth £3 million for charity.

Dave is in the record books for the ultimate endurance challenge of seven marathons, in seven consecutive days, on seven different continents in 2008.

He will be taking part in the Black Country Run in Halesowen on July 3.

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Families are needed to host Chernobyl children

THIRTY years on from Europe's worst nuclear disaster in Chernobyl, the threat to the health of those in the danger zone has not gone away.

The immediate area around the nuclear blast was evacuated and will probably not be safe for human habitation for 20,000 years.

There are communities on the fringes in Belarus, Russia and Ukraine, where children have eaten food grown in contaminated soil and drank unsafe water.

A charity in the Black Country works offer some of those children respite from the potentially harmful conditions they live through on a daily basis. Children come over each year to enjoy activities and access healthy food and water.

The Friends of Chernobyl's Children group places youngsters across the Black Country but is keen for more families willing to take them in to come forward after inviting seven children to visit from Belarus.

Adam Harper, aged 33, from Rowley Regis, who acts as a host, said: "There is the exclusion zone where nobody lives but outside of it there are places where the fallout is quite severe. Conditions are not great, many of them are poor and the economy isn't brilliant. There is radiation in the soil so it's in the local produce they eat and the water."

The children, who are provided with new clothing and visits to opticians, stay for around four weeks each summer. Host families are able to claim back expenses.

Mr Harper added: "It has been really rewarding for us. Having my own kids, it has been a good experience for them as well."

Visit the www.focc.org.uk website.

One of the groups visiting the region from eastern European areas hit by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster

Neighbours held cannabis 'gardener'

A VIETNAMESE man was caught growing 252 cannabis plants at a house in Cradley Heath by neighbours who called police, a court heard.

People living in Northgate grew suspicious that Thuy Huang, 44, was operating a drug farm in a rented four-bedroom house. They called police and while waiting held Huang under citizen's arrest.

Police found the plants and growing equipment in the bedrooms and loft. Huang was recruited as the 'gardener', Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Prosecutor Kevin Jones said: "Police attended a property in Northgate, Cradley Heath, on May 15 this year after being alerted by neighbours, who were concerned that there could be a cannabis farm. They found the defendant being held by neighbours outside the property.

Simon Hanns, defending, said: "We've seen cases similar to this before, where people from Vietnam are trying to make money to send back home to their families."

Huang admitted producing cannabis with intent of supplying and was jailed for eight months. He is expected to be deported on release.

Firefighters now facing extra shifts after cuts

FIREFIGHTERS in the West Midlands will take on extra shifts to keep the service running smoothly following heavy government cuts, it has been announced.

West Midlands Fire Authority and the Fire Brigade Union have agreed to allow 'willing' firefighters to volunteer to take on extra paid shifts outside normal working hours.

By Jamie Brassington

West Midlands Fire Authority chairman John Edwards said the changes would help 'keep fire engines running and stations open' but described the cuts as 'appalling'.

He estimated that by 2020 West Midlands Fire Service would lose 46 per cent of Government funding, equal to £38 million.

Extended shifts have been announced following a dispute between the union and fire authority over cuts at West Midlands Fire Service.

Deaths

Firefighters were recently balloted over the additional shifts, which will be paid at a flat time rate with an extra 25 per cent for 'disturbances'.

Mr Edwards said: "Fire deaths rose by 21 per cent nationally last year, coinciding with the longest response times in 20 years and five years of unprecedented cuts to fire services. The cuts are absolutely appalling.

"There is clearly a connection between the speed of response times and the damage caused by fires. The additional shifts agreed upon will help West Midlands Fire Service to respond to category one incidents with an attendance time of four minutes and 38 seconds, which given the circumstances is staggering and unique in England. We have the quickest response times in the country.

"The extra shifts will allow us to keep fire engines running and 38 stations in the region open. But they are for firefighters who want to volunteer for them. They won't be forced upon them."

Mr Edwards said the fire service was still in the middle of a crisis and there would be further cuts. "Firefighters who are due to retire won't be replaced but these additional shifts will help combat that," he said.

Andrew Scattergood, chairman of the Fire Brigade Union, said: "Firefighters will be working extra hours if they volunteer and wish to do so, and the union membership has agreed a rate of pay to work extra hours. We will be monitoring it closely to make sure it is working in the best interests of members and the public."

Award is named to honour council leader

A BUSINESS awards event this summer is to name its prize for start-up companies in honour of Darren Cooper, the leader of Sandwell Council who died suddenly this year.

Ninder Johal, organiser of the Nachural Summer Business Ball and Awards at Wolverhampton Racecourse on July 15, said: "He was such an advocate of start ups and enterprise.

"He led many initiatives during his time at Sandwell Council such as preferential rental rates for start-ups in specially designed incubator units.

"I am sure that he would be proud of the legacy he left for encouraging individuals to set up their businesses. For a region to flourish, there needs to be steady birth of new businesses. This Darren Cooper start-up award emphasizes this. The awards seek to celebrate and highlight the ever increasing importance of the Asian business community."

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Enchanting night of splendid opera

Cavalleria Rusticana & Pagliacci
Birmingham Hippodrome

CAVALLERIA Rusticana enchanted. The delicate overture, gently paced by conductor Carlo Rizzi, soared. The set was a wonder in itself, capturing so well a community waking up to the joy of an Easter Sunday. Balconies, bars and bunting – a scene so beautiful I wanted to paint it, and when the marvellous voices of the Welsh National Opera united in their glorious Easter Chorus I wanted to step into it.

The leads sang with impressive power. Special mention must go to Peter Uty, who stepped in to take the place of Gwyn Hughes Jones, who had been taken ill. He doubled-up as Canio in Pagliacci. He had charisma and energy. Rebecca Alfonwy Jones as Lola sang divinely but most praise must go to Camilla Roberts as Santuzza, whose vigorous voice portrayed all the necessary ardour of a woman wronged.

Pagliacci again took the theme of passion, jealousy and murder. A simple string of lights, stilt-walkers and a few uni-cycle riding characters were all it needed to convey the travelling show. David Kempster who played the crippled Tonio was faultless and deserved the loud cheers of the audience.

It was a night of wonder and splendour, so fitting for the WNO's 70th birthday.

Sarah Cowen-Strong

Les Mis star finally on her own

Samantha Barks
New Alexandra Theatre

ONE of the West End's brightest stars stepped into the spotlight as herself, rather than a costumed character, when she brought her tour to Birmingham following the release of her self-titled album.

Best known for playing Éponine in both stage and movie versions of blockbuster musical Les Miserables, the singer who found fame on TV's I'd Do Anything back in 2008 showed she's got the chops for pop too with a neat cover of Justin Bieber's Love Yourself.

She also performed Stay from her latest musical project Amélie and a cool jazz version of As Long As He Needs Me from Oliver! It's on sad songs that the singer from the Isle of Man excels with her powerful and emotional vocal, so This House Is Empty Now stood out along with a version of Joni Mitchell's Both Sides Now.

The encore was the Les Mis classic, On My Own, delivered with such supercharged sentiment that it earned a standing ovation.

Leon Burakowski

REVIEWS

Hayley Tammadon, John Partridge and Sam Bailey, stars of Chicago

Leading cast show all that jazz in high class musical

Chicago, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

FOOTBALL. What football? You would never know our national team were playing in a major tournament judging by the queues on both sides of the street to get in at the Grand for this opening night.

There was probably more fancy footwork on show here.

Three big names lead the cast in X Factor winner Sam Bailey as Mama Morton, EastEnders actor John Partridge as Billy Flynn and soap star Hayley Tammadon as Roxie Hart, a role she played with real aplomb.

The musical numbers were spot-on, the choreography and timing superb and the orchestra, on stage with the main players, highly accomplished.

Highlights for me were the impossibly high note hit by AD Richardson as Mary Sunshine and the rendition of Mr Cellophane by Roxie's husband Amos, played by Neil Ditt, a real unsung hero of the cast.

For me, though, the vocal talent of Sophie Carmen-Jones as Velma Kelly stole the show. She duetted superbly with Bailey on Class and also linked up well with Tammadon for Nowadays and Hot Honey Rag.

Chicago runs at the Grand until Saturday.

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Award for PC who faced an axeman

AN UNARMED police officer, who single-handedly took on a man wielding an axe, is to receive a bravery award.

Constable Paul Hopley will be recognised at the awards ceremony on July 14 to honour officers who perform outstanding acts of bravery.

Last June PC Hopley was patrolling by car alone in Birmingham when he saw a man hacking at a bus stop with a 3ft long axe.

Fearing for the safety of the public, the officer stopped his vehicle, blocking the road, called for backup and then tried to engage the agitated axeman.

The offender said he wanted to be shot and killed by police. He attacked the police car with the axe but the officer finally persuaded him to drop the axe.

Tom Cuddeford, chairman of the West Midlands Police Federation, said: "PC Hopley placed himself an harm's way to protect the local community."

Motorist who panicked when he saw police gets driving ban

A MOTORIST who led police on a car chase while driving without a full licence or insurance has been banned from the road for a year.

Ben Goodwin, aged 24, from Queensway, Stourbridge, had been driving his Renault Clio back from visiting a cash machine in the early hours of March 22 when he was followed by police as he was driving without his headlights on.

Goodwin, who had a provisional licence, sped away from police who tried to block home but had to move their car when it became apparent he would not stop.

Goodwin pleaded guilty to dangerous driving, driving without insurance and driving without a licence. He was given an eight-month prison sentence suspended for 18 months.

Paul Spratt, prosecuting, said: ""When the officer was spotted, the defendant began to speed away, driving up to 50mph in 30mph zone.

"At one point, he overtook a parked car, causing another motorist to have to swerve.

"At this point, the officer lost track of Goodwin and called for help from other officers. They then proceeded to park in the middle of the road in an attempt to block the car, however, it became clear that the defendant was not going to stop."

The police tracked down Goodwin by his vehicle registration and were waiting for him when he returned home, where he admitted what he had done and was arrested.

Bernard Porter, defending, said: "This was a case where the defendant has simply panicked and has ended up doing something stupid when he should have stopped. Luckily it was at a time of the night when there weren't many other motorists on the road. No damage was caused to other cars and no one was hurt."

Judge Amjad Nawaz also issued a 12-month driving ban to Goodwin and told him: "You were very lucky that you didn't end up here on more serious charges. It only takes a second to kill someone behind the wheel of a car and you could have easily done that."

Concern over abuse of elderly

ELDERLY abuse including cheats depriving them of cash or belongings is on the rise, according to a Black Country solicitor.

Figures from Action on Elder Abuse reveal over 500,000 older people in the country are abused each year, with the majority of victims over 70.

Annabel Kay, a solicitor who advises on matter for elderly clients at West Midlands' firm Higgs & Sons, is calling for an increased awareness. She said: "Abuse of the elderly takes many forms but one of the most common involves someone taking their money or belongings without their consent. This could be through forging a signature, forcing an older person to sign a deed, will, or power of attorney or carrying out fraud or scams – and reports suggest it is a growing form of abuse."

Shop backs Astle campaign

Laraine and daughter Dawn with Luke 1997 boss Carl Barratt at Merry Hill shopping centre

A MENSWEAR shop is joining a campaign led by the daughter of West Bromwich Albion legend Jeff Astle, raising awareness of the long-term impact of footballers' head injuries.

Dawn Astle is delighted that Luke 1977, which has outlets at Merry Hill in Brierley Hill and the Bullring shopping centre in Birmingham, will be raising money for The Jeff Astle Foundation.

The foundation was set up after a neuro-surgeon determined that her father died of degenerative disease of the brain found in athletes (particularly boxerss) with a history of repetitive brain trauma.

This has led to extensive research to identify whether his fatal condition was the result of repeatedly heading heavy footballs during his career on the pitch.

Jeff's widow Laraine, who was at the launch of the Luke 1977 initiative, has also been involved in efforts to stir football authorities into acting on lessons learned from the former England striker's death in 2002, following a decline into dementia.

During the Euro 2016 tournament, Luke 1977's shops will be taking donations for the foundation from customers. Whenever England score £100 will be donated by each shop. A raffle will also be held to win pictures of the Albion striker.

Head of sales at Luke 1977, Albion fan Carl Barratt said. "This is a great campaign. One of our owne's, Debs Poole, is passionate about the cause as her dad also suffered with dementia. We know how much research the foundation is doing into this and we really wanted to help."

For information on the campaign see the-jeffastlefoundation.co.uk website.

Unemployment for women is declining

THE level of unemployment for women in the West Midlands is declining, according to new figures.

Released by the Office for National Statistics, figures show that in 1992 8.4 per cent of women were unemployed. By June last year, the percentage of women out of work was 5.7 per cent, with figures for February this year revealing only 5.4 per cent are jobless.

The figures suggest that, since the financial crisis of 2008 – which saw the employment rate for women in this region shoot up from 4.7 per cent in April 2008 to 9 per cent by April 2013 – more women are in employment than ever before.

Clare Roberts, chair of Wolverhampton Women's Business Forum, which organises a variety of events to encourage women to get involved in business, said: "I think that now, more than ever before, not working full-time or indeed part-time as a woman is not an option."

Be shore to sea this

WOMBOURNE & District Choral Society's next concert will be an evening of seaside songs and readings, entitled The Sea! The Sea!

The concert will be held on July 16, at the Beckminster Methodist Church in Penn Fields, Wolverhampton, starting at 7.30pm.

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Beacon is backed by rotary club

A SIGHT loss charity based in Sedgley has received a cash boost thanks to a donation from Sedgley and Wombourne Rotary Club.

Members raised £500 in aid of the Beacon Centre.

Sedgley and Wombourne Rotary Club president Ken Thomas said: "The Beacon Centre does fantastic work with those living with sight loss in our community."

Beacon Centre information officer Pete Moodie said: "We would like to thank the Rotary Club for its hard work. This donation will make a real difference."

Meanwhile, a range of stalls ranging jewellery to massage feature in a ladies' night at the Beacon Centre tomorrow (Friday) to raise money for the Beacon Butler Challenge Cup golf tournament on September 24. Call 07789 158130 for details.

Food bank is supported

SUPERMARKET customers have donated more than 150 food items to help Black Country families in need.

The Midcounties Co-operative took part in a food collection drive to encourage communities to collect for local food banks as part of Responsible Business Week. Simon Hartland, Sedgley ambassador at Midcounties Co-operative, said: "Supporting our local communities is at the heart of everything we do."

FOCUS ON SEDGLEY AND GORNAL AREAS

Women's football teams will grow thanks to grant

SKY Sports News presenter Hayley McQueen has congratulated Gornal Ladies FC after they received a £4,500 Grow the Game grant from the Football Foundation.

The grant from the country's largest sports provider, will boost grassroots football in Gornal and surrounding areas and will pave the way for Gornal Ladies FC to create a new girls academy and three new teams at open age, under-9s and under-11s – adding to their existing teams.

It will also help to fund a number of new coaches by providing access to FA coaching qualifications.

The Grow the Game scheme is designed to increase participation by helping clubs to meet the costs of starting new teams. It is funded by the Premier League and The FA and delivered by the Football Foundation.

Sustainable

Grow the Game aims to create a solid infrastructure of newly-trained coaches and grassroots teams that play in FA-affiliated leagues for the long term. This means that the participation increases are sustainable and long-term rather than transient. Grow the Game grants enable clubs to provide regular football for specific sections of society where there is a demand but lack of opportunities.

By Simon Stone

Alan Moore, chairman of Gornal Ladies and Gornal Colts, said: "This grant will be a massive boost to our plans to grow the participation in the girls' and ladies' game within the local Gornal community and surrounding areas.

"We will be working very hard to develop closer relations with local schools and colleges to provide access to good quality coaching and the opportunity to participate in competitive grassroots football in a safe and enjoyable environment.'

McQueen, a Football Foundation Ambassador, said: "Grants like this one make a real difference.

"They help clubs meet the costs associated with starting a new team and so help to drive up participation levels, especially amongst under-represented groups."

Organiser Martin Jones with Dudley North MP Ian Austin at Sedgley's EIIR 90 exhibition

Right Royal birthday triumph

A TRIBUTE held to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's official birthday has been hailed a success.

The 'Sedgley's EIIR 90' exhibition recounted 90 years of life in Sedgley and Dudley, through eye-witness accounts by Gornal and Sedgley residents, as part of nationalcelebrations.

Ian Austin, MP for Dudley North, hailed the event a huge success. Martin Jones, exhibition organiser, said: "We were able to bring the whole community together, of all faiths and none, to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday in spectacular style."

The three day exhibition, started at June 10, and was held at All Saints' Church in Sedgley, culminating in an inter-faith service on Sunday. A festival of flowers accompanied the show, as memories shared included the Wimbledon success of Dorothy Round in the 1930s and the Festival of Britain's Dudley pageant in 1951.

Saxon history group hit by anvil theft

AN ANVIL has been stolen from an Anglo-Saxon re-enactment group based in Sedgley.

The theft has hit the group called Age of Penda, who are working on the Generfeld Anglo Saxon Village Project at Brockswood Animal Sanctuary, off Catholic Lane.

The group, which has about 30 members, stage combat displays, archery and craft demonstrations, showing how the Saxons lived. They meet on Sundays and put on events for the public.

Member Judy Taylor said: "We have been working on the village project now for two years and it is really taking shape. We have just built a working blacksmith's workshop and it has proven to be of great interest with the public. Sadly, between June 7 and June 10, the large Victorian anvil was stolen."

Festival fun family day

THE annual Gornal Fun Day will be staged on Saturday, July 9.

The event on the Vale Street Recreation Ground is being held as part of the Black Country Festival. The fun will be running from 12 noon to 4pm and will include a display of vintage cars and motorcycles, funfair and Punch and Judy show.

There will also be a barbecue, fundraising stalls, games and sideshows by the Quarry Club car park.

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Stars back the Black Country

THE organisers behind the Black Country Festival are on the lookout for the best talent the region has to offer, to ensure this year's event is bigger and better than ever.

Steve Edwards and James Stevens have become known as 'The Black Country Boys' after their success over the last couple of years in bringing together a wide array of attractions for the annual celebration, which will be taking place once again throughout next month.

"The Black Country festival is about bringing the communities together and promoting our amazing region," said Steve.

"Last year we were involved in well over 500 events ranging from barbecues for as little as 20 people, to filling football stadiums with over 20,000 people.

"We brought back iconic events like The Halesowen Carnival which had not happened for 20 years, and we also put new events on in Bilston, Cradley Heath and Walsall." The Halesowen Carnival will be among the events kicking off this year's festival. It is taking place on July 2 at Highfield Park between 12 noon and 6pm, complete with market, fair, music, dance and much more.

The next day, July 3, will see the return of The Black Country Road Run, which last year saw over 1,100 people take part and raised £23,000.

Events on the following weekend include the Brockmoor and Pensnett Black Country Funday, from 1pm to 5pm on July 10 at the Dell Stadium, with live performances and everything from historical re-enactment groups to alternate wrestling.

Moreover, this year they have succeeded in getting 12 of the biggest Black Country brewers to back the festival, who not only will be uniting on July 29, 30 and 31 for the return of The Dudley Beer Festival, but will be hosting over 150 festival events in pubs throughout July. Other events include comedy gigs, flash-mob dances and sports tournaments, but they are eager to add more to the schedule.

Famous faces are also getting involved. Throughout the past year the organisers have been informing celebrities about the festival, and getting them to show their support by holding up the Black Country flag.

These include Glenn Close, Gemma Arterton and Paddy Considine, who Steve met on the set of film 'She Who Brings Gifts' when they came to shoot in Birmingham.

He explained: "I casually walked over to their trailer and introduced myself and produced The Black Country Flag. Glenn Close was particularly interested in the history of The Black Country and the role it played in the industrial revolution.

After chatting for about half hour and explaining what the festival was trying to do for the community, they were more than happy to have their picture taken with the flag."

Co-organiser James Stevens is the man behind the infamous Black Country Anthem 'I Vow To Thee Black Country' which reached the UK top 40 in 2014.

Proud of their achievements so far, James added: "Last year was an exceptional year for the Black Country and the festival. The Flag was seen flying all over the world and it is the second most popular flag in England, only being out sold by the St Georges Flag."

"The Black Country is all about community, pride and having fun. Black Country people are the salt of the earth, we are full of pride for our historic region and the festival allows us all to come together showcase everything that is great about the Black Country."

"We want all local businesses to get in touch with us and show the world what The Black Country still has to offer. "

The festival organisers also want to hear from local performers. To get involved, and find out the events happening near you, contact Steve and James via the official website black-country-festival.co.uk

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Flying visit in move to create Geopark

INTERNATIONAL delegates will fly into the Black Country next week on fact-finding mission about the region's bid to establish a UNESCO Global Geopark boosting tourism.

Delegates of UNESCO from China and Finland will be given a tour of key geological sites in the Black Country, including Wren's Nest National Nature Reserve in Dudley, Barr Beacon in Walsall, the geopark exhibition at the Bilston Craft Gallery and Galton Valley in Sandwell.

The four Black Country authorities – Dudley, Sandwell Walsall and Wolverhampton – earlier this year submitted an application to become part of the UNESCO Global Geopark network.

A Global Geopark is an area of international significance that protects and promotes the geological and related industrial and cultural heritage for everyone to enjoy now and in the future. Existing sites include Ironbridge in Shropshire.

The GGN is a non-for-profit organisation, founded in 2004, where members work together and exchange ideas on projects in GGNs.

The delegates from UNESCO will be evaluating the area's internationally important geology.

The Black Country boasts world-class features and the Geopark would link many different heritage sites and features across the area to tell the story of the landscape. The industrial revolution of the Black Country is at the heart of the bid and proposed Global Geopark. Council leaders said they remain optimistic about securing a Global Geopark and it would be a great boost to the local visitor economy.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for planning and economic development, said: "Next week is a big week for the Black Country as we showcase the many areas and features that we believe make the region a perfect example of what it is to be a Global Geopark.

"We are incredibly excited to take the UNESCO delegates on a whistle stop tour of some of the area's highlights and we remain positive about the potential of our application. If we gain this international recognition, it would a great boost to the local visitor economy and something that would well and truly put the Black Country on the international map."

The visit by delegates will be the final step in the UNESCO scrutiny process for the Black Country's Geopark bid.

The Wrens Nest Nature Reserve in Dudley, which the international delegates will visit over Geopark proposals

M-way project to get art motoring in the Black Country

ARTISTS are being sought to transform an unsightly stretch of motorway through the Black Country with homegrown creative artworks.

West Midlands-based MADE is searching for five artists from the Black Country and Birmingham to spruce up sections under the M5 in Sandwell as part of a one day project.

The scheme will give a taste of how the area could look as part of MADE's concept to create an 'edgy canalside' environment in the future for the proposed Black Country Garden City.

The motorway project will take place on July 16.

Concept

The concept would see the zone between junctions one and two, which features a canal running under the motorway with thick concrete pillars standing either side, transformed into an arty environment.

MADE's M5 Mile concept has envisaged that the site could feature shops, cafes and bars in shipping containers, performance areas, boat trips, skate-parks and other attractions, in the canal-side environment under the motorway.

Chosen artists will be given from 10am to 5pm to create their artwork, with the site opening at 9am. Each artist is being given £500 for taking part which will go to funding, planning the delivery of materials and any necessary insurance.

The Highways Agency has given MADE the green light to work in the space but the artwork must be temporary.

Apology for victim who had to watch raid

A LETTER of apology has been sent by police chiefs to a man who watched his business being raided on CCTV after being told officers could not attend until the next day.

Paul Smart watched on a screen at his home in Chaddesley Corbett as the £20,000 theft take place in real time at his Brierley Hill photographic firm in May.

When he called 999 to report the theft he says he was first told to call the non-emergency number 101 and was then told police would not come out until the next morning.

A letter sent to Mr Smart by Chief Inspector Gary Wade of West Mercia Police stated that he wished to 'express regret' for what happened on behalf of the force. The officer who took the original call has been 'advised of the correct process in handling these calls'.

In the letter, Chief Inspector Wade said: "I'd like to take this opportunity to express regret on behalf of Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police for the fact you were dissatisfied with the service you received on this occasion.

Businessman Paul Smart

Concerns

"I hope that the manner in which this matter has subsequently been dealt with has gone some way towards restoring your trust and confidence in the service we deliver."

A report on the action taken against the officer who took the call, also written by Chief Inspector Wade, stated: "The subject has been advised by their superior of the correct process in handling these calls."

But Mr Smart remains unhappy with the police response and has asked that the matter be taken to the Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police Independent Appeals Panel. This is due to a line in the report which states when West Mercia Police told Mr Smart they could not take details of the crime it led to a 'delay in Mr Smart being able to inform the police of a crime in action'.

Mr Smart wrote in reply: "This is clearly not correct, the result of your call handler's advice was the call being downgraded to a Police Non Emergency which resulted in West Midlands Police refusing to attend the scene of a break in and theft in progress.

"In fact the failure to attend allowed the criminals, armed with metal bars, to return to the scene of crime almost an hour after the first call was made to 999."

The raiders made off with computers, keyboards and laptops from Mr Smart's commercial design and photographic studio Doodah Creative.

Along with damage to a window shutter when they forced entry, the overall cost to the firm will be between £20,000 and £25,000.

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Even cushions have a place in the 'boy zone' with seating a priority

Men are taking more control of home decor, with plenty of products on the market

Men: Make a stand and muscle in on the decor

By Gabrielle Fagan

THE days of men having no say on the home style front are long gone.

Move over decor divas – men are muscling in on interiors and creating impressive temples of style. While they were once seen only as DIY-ers, who wouldn't be seen dead dithering over Elephant's Breath or Downpipe (paint shades, in case you're wondering), blokes are now exploring their taste, and becoming as fussy about their homes as they are their cars and clothes.

"Men have grown in confidence about expressing their personal style and being aware of trends. They're becoming just as savvy about interiors, knowledgeable about furniture designers and specific about a look they want to live with," says Benjamin Hanley, who works at contemporary furniture specialists, West Elm.

"We're seeing them buying into mid-century and industrial styles. These have quite masculine, structural aesthetics, which offer big impact.

"We encourage them to select a statement piece of furniture they love as a starting point, and then build around that, so their look can grow and emerge.

"A sleek, sophisticated pared-back look, with a colour palette at the darker end of the spectrum, is currently the most popular."

Here's how to create the ultimate man-zone...

MALE TERRITORY

"A home needs to be a sanctuary and for modern-day men, it's a place to show off personal style. While the basic ingredients were once leather, shagpile carpets and lava lamps, today's reality is about a classy yet comfortable space, which makes the most of minimalism and shows off gadgetry," says Anna Gillespie, guest editor at Anglian Home Improvements.

"My advice would be steer clear of a boring black and grey colour scheme and opt for lighter neutral shades, such as cream and white, and then add on-trend bursts of bright colours – racing car red or green, or even emerald green and bright blue."

TIP: Lighting can transform mood and atmosphere.

GAME OF THRONES

You're the boss at home, so choose a 'hot' seat which combines cutting-edge style with comfort.

"Seating's key and a sofa, usually the largest piece in a living room, should be in harmony with the overall decor scheme," says Rebecca Snowden, interior style advisor at Furniture Choice.

"The industrial trend is particularly male-friendly as it creates an air of relaxed informality and relies on colour and texture in natural materials, rather than fussy detail.

"Choose chunky, leather sofas or a Chesterfield – a 'gentlemen's club' classic.

"Other characteristic ingredients are exposed concrete floors or polished concrete walls, brickwork, ladder shelving and metal lighting fixtures.

"The advantage of this urban-luxe style is that new pieces can be added over time.

"Mismatching is fine and won't jar, because the whole look should have an eclectic feel."

TIP: No bachelor pad's complete without high-spec media kit and gadgets.

Create an 'entertainment hub'.

Framed artwork gives a more sophisticated look than posters on the walls, which hark back to student days

Plenty of storage is essential for all those bits and bobs

Make a statement with striking items that catch the eye

GET DOWN & DETAILED

Fuss and frills have no place in any self-respecting male's zone, but cool, covetable pieces do and they'll ramp up your design credentials.

"In the past, a man's priority for furniture and interior choices was largely practicality, but the finer points of design, aesthetics and craftsmanship are now regarded equally important," says Claire Hornby, creative and display manager at Barker & Stonehouse. "The truly design-savvy are confident enough to opt for bold choices - and allow them to star in a room; maybe a brightly coloured sofa or a distinctive reclaimed wooden table."

TIP: Don't overlook framed art – posters stuck on a wall just harks back to student days.

Create a display of your favourite pictures with matching frames in an assortment of sizes.

Stay safe with BBQ tips from Ciindy...

AS the temperature warms up and we dare to believe we may see summer this year, thousands of people will be getting out the barbecues to enjoy freshly cooked food with friends and family.

Yet having a real fire in an open space can be dangerous if it's not managed properly and cause lasting damage.

Here are AskCiindy.com's top tips for enjoying a barbecue safely:

1. Never leave a lit barbecue unattended. Its common sense but it's easy to get distracted when you socialising and relaxing with friends and family.
2. Make sure that your barbecue is on level ground and is well away from sheds, fences, trees, shrubs or garden waste.
3. Keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose nearby so that you can quickly deal with any emergencies.
4. Keep children, garden games and pets well away from the cooking area.

5. Make sure your barbecue is in good working order and follow the safety instructions provided with the barbecue when you use it.
6. If you are using charcoal, use only enough to cover the base of the barbecue to a depth of about 5cm (2 inches). Only use fire lighters or starter fuel to light it, never use petrol.
7. If you are using gas, make sure the tap is turned off before changing the gas cylinder. Change cylinders in a well ventilated area, its best to do this outside if possible. When you have finished cooking, turn the gas cylinder off before turning off at the controls to ensure any gas in the pipe work is used up.
8. Make sure the barbecue is cool before trying to move it.
9. When you empty out the ashes, empty them onto bare garden soil, not into dustbins or wheelie bins. If they're hot, they can melt the plastic and cause a fire.
10. No matter what the weather throws at you, never move a lit barbecue inside as this is a huge safety risk.

David Ross, director of communications at AskCiindy.com said: "It's so rare that we get a day where it is warm enough to eat outside that most of us grab the first chance we can to get the grill out.

Damage

"Barbecues are a great way to bring friends and family together and when they are done properly they can be a lot of fun for all involved.

"There are tens of thousands of fires started in bins each year, some of which are due to barbecue ashes not being disposed of properly.

"Insurers often see claims for fires starting in bins, which if left next to a house can cause devastating damage. By using your common sense and making sure you barbecue safely, everyone can relax and enjoy themselves. Now, we just need the weather to cooperate!"

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OUTDOOR FUN

Keep youngsters amused in the garden with some outdoor toys and activities. Here's some of the newest products to the market:

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My Vegetable Patch Kit

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Little Tikes Go Green Playhouse

A playhouse to help teach youngsters about the environment, with eco-friendly features including a solar light, working pump sink, recycling centre, water reservoir and flower garden. Suitable from 2-8 years. £269.99, www.littletikes.co.uk

Memorial event held for bike crash victim

Parents Jason Holt and Nicola Brookes, of Dudley, with family and friends at the car wash in aid of Brandon's funeral

'I HOPE you realise just how much you were loved and how much you will be sadly missed.'

Those were the heartfelt words of Brandon Holt's friends and family who turned out to a memorial fundraising event to pay tribute to the teenager who was killed in a motorcycle accident.

Dozens of people from the Wren's Nest area flocked to the car wash, tombola and stalls on Hillside Road to pay their respects and help raise money to pay for his funeral.

Brandon, aged 17, died on May 29 when the motorcycle he was riding crashed into a stationary car. He was treated by paramedics on the scene but later died at hospital.

His best friend Ben Mosses, aged 24, from Wrens Nest, said: "We met up the day after he died and thought what can we do for him. He was one of the kindest people you could meet. Brandon loved motorbikes. We would always go off-roading every Sunday at my mate's own track."

A page has been set up on GoFundMe to raise money towards his funeral at www.gofundme.com/276ktms

Brandon Holt, 17, died last month

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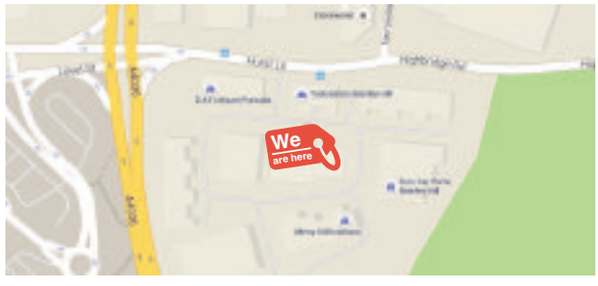

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There's a tulip for every garden setting, from borders to containers

Tremendous tulips can be used in so many ways

BEST OF THE BUNCH: Tulips

THERE are tulips for every setting, from delicate species and dwarf varieties to frilly parrots and majestic Darwin, triumph and lily-flowered types, plain, striped, flamed, single and double.

They can be used in many ways – in a mixed border, in a bedding scheme adding uniformity in height and colour, or in rockeries or containers. In mixed borders, you can plant them alongside other plants that will cover the bare ground before the tulips emerge and after they die down. Violas, polyanthus, double daisies and wallflowers are among their most common companions. For dramatic effect plant single varieties of the same colour in pots, avoiding the types with weak stems and heavy flowers with a tendency to flop. Using multi-purpose compost, plant bulbs close together with at least three to four times the depth of the bulb covering them, but leaving enough space for the flowers to open. Good container types include T. 'Queen of Night', with silky purple-black flowers and 'World's Favourite', with glowing orange-red blooms, edged with gold.

GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT: Chinese cabbage

YOU can sow all types of oriental greens now to harvest in the summer, but Chinese cabbage takes some beating if harvested young, when the leaves are smaller and tender. Chinese cabbages are either tall and cylindrical or barrel-shaped, and the latter are more suited to our UK climate.

They have a mild flavour and crunchy texture and can be used instead of iceberg lettuce. Sow small amounts at two or three-week intervals for a continuous crop and water them regularly to keep the growth strong. Chinese cabbage will bolt if transplanted from a seedbed, so sow them directly into their final resting places and thin them out later. They need spacing of 30-38cm each way to produce heads and should be planted in soil which has had plenty of compost added before planting. You should be able to start harvesting from August. Chinese cabbage isn't very frost-hardy, so cover later sowings with cloches or garden fleece. Good varieties include 'Kasumi' and 'Early Jade Pagoda'.

Give houseplants a home and reap the rewards

By Hannah Stephenson

DOTTED around rooms, houseplants are pretty to look at and add colour and charm – but their credentials don't end there.

They're also known for a host of wellbeing-boosting benefits, and having them in your home could enhance your mood and physical health.

For one thing, they are terrific anti-pollutants, absorbing nasty chemicals such as formaldehyde, a known human carcinogen found in cleaning products, toilet paper, facial tissues and paper towels.

Indoor air pollution can also be emitted from furnishings, upholstery and synthetic building materials as well as pollen, bacteria, and moulds.

And that's not all. Here are eight ways houseplants can help bolster wellbeing...

1. They assist our breathing

Plants absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, making plants and people great partners. Plants help to increase oxygen levels, and our bodies appreciate that.

2. They clean the air

NASA notes that "plants improve the quality of indoor air". Ivy, geraniums, lavender and many ferns are good at absorbing formaldehyde, aloe vera not only cleans the air, but the gel inside helps relieve burns and cuts, and the spider plant battles benzene, commonly found in glue, paint and detergent, as well as formaldehyde and carbon monoxide.

3. They help deter illness

Using plants indoors decreases the incidence of dry skin, colds, sore throats and dry coughs, studies at the Agricultural University of Norway found. Plants can also help to reduce headaches because they help eliminate stuffy air; homes with many indoor plants can even help reduce high blood pressure.

4. They boost healing

Why do we take plants and flowers to people in hospital? Because they make them feel good. Studies have shown that looking after plants can actually increase your healing time. Texas A&M University tasked patients with taking care of plants, and those who physically interacted with plants experienced a significantly reduced recovery time after medical procedures.

5. They improve your memory

Studies show that working in the presence of plants improves your concentration, productivity and memory. Being "under the influence of plants" can increase memory retention up to 20 per cent, according to research by the University of Michigan.

6. They increase workplace satisfaction

A recent 'Green versus Lean' report, conducted by Exeter and Cardiff universities, revealed that introducing plants into the office lifts workplace satisfaction by up to 40%.

7. They make you feel needed

Having plants to love and nurture gives us something to take care of, which can enrich our lives. If you buy a flowering plant that currently has no buds on it, you can make a goal of giving it care and attention with fertiliser and water so that it can grow flowers.

8. They make you happier

Workers with greenery on their desks rate themselves more cheerful and productive, researchers have found.

Adding houseplants to your home can help with a range of health issues, from breathing to lowering blood pressure

Greenery on your desk is said to raise workplace satisfaction

Nurturing plants can improve your own wellbeing

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

1. Leave old flowers on some hellebores like H. niger and H. orientalis to allow them to self-seed
2. Lift and divide primulas, polyanthus and forget-me-nots
3. Give acid lovers like azaleas and rhododendrons a feed to stop leaves turning yellow
4. Give conifers and perennials a feed by applying fertilizer around the base of plants
5. Continue to sow mangetout peas
6. Complete planting of maincrop potatoes

No gnomes in gardens of future, says survey

NEARLY 70 per cent of gardens in the Midlands are stuck in the past with almost 64 per cent of the region's homeowners admitting their outdoor space has been influenced by previous decades, according to research conducted by paving manufacturer Bradstone.

A nationwide survey of homeowners with gardens revealed that in the Midlands, 68 per cent of gardens' main features pre-date the 1990s, with 80s wooden slatted fences (42 per cent), 60s manicured lawns (41 per cent) and 50s concrete paths (24 per cent) featuring most prominently as design hangovers from the past.

It seems the region's homeowners have been slow to adopt 21st century garden design, with contemporary features such as raised vegetable beds (13 per cent), mixed native hedging (10 per cent), fire pits (6 per cent), and artificial grass (3 per cent) each present in only one third of gardens.

While almost 41 per cent of respondents in the Midlands said their garden is the most important feature of their home, only 20 per cent are most likely to feel pride when thinking about or looking at their garden – suggesting that as a region, we need to shape up and get our gardening gloves on.

Indeed, 14 per cent of the region's homeowners say they are most likely to feel dread or embarrassment about their garden, and almost 30 per cent feel envious of their neighbours' gardens.

The research, conducted by paving manufacturer, Bradstone, reveals that over 80 per cent of respondents in the region are investing in their home ahead of their outdoor space, leaving more than half frustrated that their garden doesn't look as good as it could.

The top four changes people in the Midlands would most like to make to their garden are adding or replacing fencing, replacing the lawn with new grass, adding or replacing paving, and adding or replacing flowers and plants.

However, our busy lifestyles are getting in the way with over 60 per cent of the region's homeowners avoiding making major changes to their garden because they're worried about the cost and/or work involved.

Regular mowing to keep the lawn in check, weeding, and making it beautiful all year round are the three biggest challenges facing Midland homeowners.

And while as a region we might be behind with the gardening times, weeds (49 per cent), garden gnomes (37 per cent) and pet graves (25 per cent) topped the poll of unacceptable items within a modern garden.

Award winning garden designer and TV presenter, Chris Beardshaw, comments: "Modern gardeners have an unprecedented range of plants to choose from – from exotic edibles to exquisite ornamentals, from all corners of the globe – all of which can pretty much be cultivated in our gardens.

"Together with easy access to technical information on how to grow plants, it is completely possible to recreate and encapsulate almost any style of garden from any point in history, and from anywhere in the world. So, gardeners simply have to decide how theatrical they want their outdoor space to be."

But what of the garden of the future? Flowers that bloom all year round (40 per cent), more wildlife (36 per cent) and flowers and plants that need no watering (24 per cent) are the top three things people in the Midlands want most. And with more than 68 per cent of UK male homeowners saying they are responsible for mowing the lawn, it's interesting to learn that almost one in every five men would prefer a robot lawnmower to do the job.

Toby Stuart-Jervis, commercial director for Bradstone, who commissioned the study to mark the company's 60th anniversary, said: "No matter what decade your garden reflects, beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

Whether you have a penchant for 60s inspired crazy paving or favour timber decking terraces popularised in the 1990s, your garden should be a space you enjoy, and an extension of your home.

"There are many quick and easy updates you can make without breaking the bank, and the upcoming May bank holiday weekend is an excellent opportunity to get outdoors and make your garden a space to be proud of."

For more information and for 60 years of garden inspiration, visit www.bradstone.com/60

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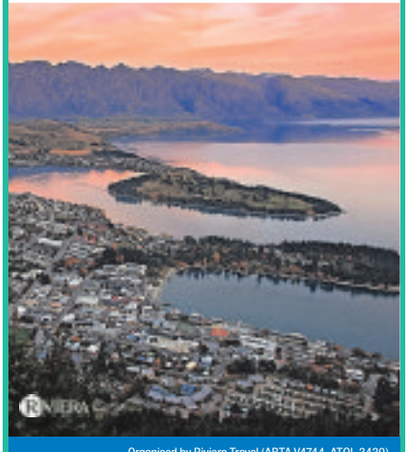

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Visit **hareandhoundskingsheath.co.uk**

John Bramwell

Thursday (30th), 7.30pm
Hare & Hounds, Kings Heath
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Grand Theatre, W'ton
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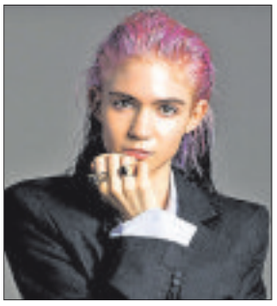

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COMEDY

Matt Hale: 100% Chicken Free
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mac, Birmingham,
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Sara Pascoe: Animal
Sun at 7.30pm,
Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury,
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Thursday Night Comedy Carousel
Thu at 8pm,
The Glee Club, Birmingham,
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Tomorrow at 8pm,
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OTHER EVENTS

The Autism Show
Tomorrow at 10am - 4.30pm,
The NEC Birmingham, B40 1NT.
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Kings Heath Food Assembly
Tue at 7.30pm - 9pm,
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Sports Show
Tomorrow - Sun,
The NEC Birmingham, B40 1NT.
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Birmingham Royal Ballet: Class On Stage
Tomorrow at 11.45am, £10
Birmingham Hippodrome,
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Paint Your Own Miniature
Tomorrow at 11am - 4pm,
Barber Institute of Fine Arts,
University of Birmingham,
Edgbaston, B15 2TS.
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THEATRE

Birmingham Royal Ballet: The Moor's Pavane/The Shakespeare Suite/The Sonnets
Tonight at 7.30pm, Tomorrow at 2.30pm, 7.30pm, £10 - £26
Birmingham Hippodrome,
B5 4TB. Call 0844 338 5000

Gangsta Granny
Tue at 10am, 1.30pm, Wed at 10am, 1.30pm, Thu at 10am, 1.30pm,
New Alexandra Theatre,
Birmingham, B5 4DS.
Call 0844 871 3011

A Variety Performance In Aid Of BCHC
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New Alexandra Theatre,
Birmingham, B5 4DS.
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HLC Dance Fest 2016
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TF2 6EP.
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Macbeth
Wed at 7.30pm,
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TF2 6EP.
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Rehearsal For Murder
Mon at 7.30pm, Tue at 7.30pm, Wed at 2.30pm, 7.30pm, Thu at 7.30pm,
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Swap!
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Chicago
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Wolverhampton Grand Theatre,
WV1 1DE.
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Birmingham Hippodrome,
B5 4TB. Call 0844 338 5000

Be Festival 2016
Tonight at 7pm, Tomorrow at 7pm,
Birmingham Repertory Theatre,
B1 2EP.
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Mamma Mia
Tue at 7.30pm - 10pm, Wed at 2.30pm - 5.30pm, 7.30pm - 10pm, Thu at 7.30pm - 10pm, £28 - £60
Birmingham Hippodrome,
B5 4TB. Call 0844 338 5000

Summer Dreaming
Tonight at 7.30pm,
Oakengates Theatre, Telford,
TF2 6EP.
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Check out full listings in **the ticket** in Friday's Express & Star

Oh Mamma Mia! It's a blockbuster

WEST End and movie hit Mamma Mia! is coming to Birmingham as part of its first UK tour.

The tale of family, friendship and romance on a Greek island, with a unbeatable soundtrack of ABBA hits, will bring sunshine and smiles to the city all summer as on Tuesday it starts a run that lasts until September 3.

To date, the blockbuster show has been seen by more than 54 million people in 49 productions in 14 different languages.

Meanwhile, Mamma Mia! The Movie is the highest worldwide grossing live-action musical film of all time with one in four UK households owning the DVD, Amazon UK's biggest selling DVD ever.

Wedding

From West End to global phenomenon, Mamma Mia! is one of only five musicals to have run for more than 10 years both on Broadway and in the West End.

Five years ago it became the first Western musical to be staged in Mandarin in the People's Republic of China.

Mamma Mia! tells the story of Sophie, a 20-year-old girl who has been brought up by her mother on a Greek Island. With her wedding fast approaching, she trawls through her mother's diaries to find out who her father is, in the hope she can invite him to the wedding to walk her down the aisle.

But Sophie gets more than she bargains for when she discovers there are three potential fathers and then they all arrive on the island that they last visited 20 years before, much to her mother Donna's surprise.

With music & lyrics by Benny Andersson & Björn Ulvaeus, Mamma Mia! is written by Catherine Johnson, directed by Phyllida Lloyd and choreographed by Anthony Van Laast.

Lucy May Barker stars as Sophie Sheridan with Sara Poyzer as her mother Donna Sheridan.

For tickets see www.birmingham hippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.

Dancing queens – Emma Clifford, Sara Poyzer and Jacqueline Braun in a scene from the touring production of Mamma Mia! Photo: Brinkhoff/Mögenburg

Gangsta Gran rides again

THE play version of David Walliams' hit children's book Gangsta Granny returns to Birmingham next week.

Following a successful run in December, the story about a granny and grandson's plot to steal the Crown Jewels is being staged at the New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday.

The production by the city's own Birmingham Stage Company, acclaimed producers of the Horrible Histories plays, was a family favourite hit with audiences.

Walliams, who is one of the judges on the popular Britain's Got Talent TV show, creator of the ground-breaking comedy series Little Britain and star of the recent BBC TV Agatha Christie series Partners in Crime, has now also become the best-selling author for children in the country and Gangsta Granny is his most popular book.

He began his publishing career in 2008 with his debut novel The Boy in the Dress. Then, after two other popular stories, in 2011Gangsta Granny was shortlisted for both The Red House Children's Book Award and for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize.

At Christmas 2013 a TV version of Gangsta Granny was shown on BBC One with an all-star cast, including David Walliams himself.

Gangsta Granny went straight to number one in the children's book charts and his books have been translated into no fewer than 30 languages.

David Walliams said: "It's the most popular of all my books and I am sure this production by the brilliant Birmingham Stage Company will delight not just children but their parents and, of course, grandparents'.

Children's choirs in Romany Wood

MASSED choirs from primary and preparatory schools across Birmingham will be joining forces for a performance of Romany Wood at the city's Symphony Hall at 6pm tomorrow (Friday).

The 40-minute musical created especially for children by David Gaukroger and David Carr is being performed to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

The young voices will be joined by the King Edward's School and King Edward VI High School for Girls' Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets cost £5 or £8 for the concert which also features Shostakovich's Festive Overture. See the thsh.co.uk website.

Rock legend Ritchie in one-off UK gig

FANS of classic rock will be heading to the NEC's Genting Arena on Saturday night for a one-off UK show by Ritchie Blackmore's Rainbow.

One of only three European shows, it will see guitarist Blackmore and his band performing anthems by Rainbow and his first major group Deep Purple. The line-up also includes Lords Of Black singer Ronnie Romero, Stratovarius keyboardist Jens Johansson, Bob Nouveau on bass and David Keith drums. Support from Mostly Autumn.

Texan boogie rock legends ZZ Top have a sold out gig at Birmingham's O2 Academy tonight (Thursday).

Back to 60s folk at Bilston venue

BLACK Country fans of 1960s British folk-rock are in for a treat with three giants of the genre visiting Bilston's Robin 2 venue next week.

On Tuesday it hosts the reunited Fotheringay featuring original members Jerry Donohue, Gerry Conway and Pat Donaldson with singers, Kathryn Roberts and The Voice's Sally Barker, with songs performed by the late Sandy Denny. Then Jacqui McShee brings 60s folk-jazz favourites Pentangle to the Robin on Thursday, June 30, with support from Magna Carta featuring prog rock-folk veteran Chris Simpson. See therobin.co.uk website.

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CHOICE

Derek Thompson

Casualty (BBC1, 9.25pm)
In the 1000th episode of the medical drama, Elle prepares for a busy night shift, but finds her colleagues still resent her for Charlie's dismissal. She resolves to regain their trust, and takes on a particularly challenging case involving a pregnant woman who is refusing treatment that may be urgently needed to save her baby. Charlie is reunited with Duffy, who returns to Holby as an agency nurse, Iain panics as Rita tells everyone they have got back together, and romance blossoms between Glen and Robyn at the mortality cafe.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.30** MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Group A runner-up v Group C runner-up (Kick-off 2.00pm). Gary Lineker introduces coverage of the opening match of the last 16, from the Stade Geoffroy-Guichard in Saint-Etienne. Subsequent programmes subject to change. **4.00** Flog It! (R) **4.30** MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Group B winner v third-place qualifier (Kick-off 5.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the second match of the last 16, held at the Parc des Princes in Paris. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

7.10 BBC News.

7.20 Regional Programme.

7.30 MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Group D winner v third-place qualifier (Kick-off 8.00pm). Gary Lineker introduces coverage of the last-16 match, staged at the Stade Bollaert-Delelis in Lens. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

10.05 The National Lottery Live. Kate Garraway presents as the all-important winning numbers are revealed. Plus, as voting begins for this year's National Lottery Awards, the show profiles some of the finalists.

10.15 BBC News; Weather.

10.35 Live at the Apollo. Leading performers on the stand-up circuit share their light-hearted views on modern life in this show recorded before a packed house at London's Hammersmith Apollo; (R) National Lottery Update.

11.20 Film: LA Confidential. (1997) Thriller set in the 1950s, with Russell Crowe, Guy Pearce and Kevin Spacey.

1.30 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.35** BBC News.

In the event of football not being shown the schedule may run as follows:

1.00 Escape To The Continent (R) **2.00 Flog It!** (R) **3.00 Earth's Natural Wonders** (R) **4.00 Now You See It** (R) **4.30 FILM: Kung Fu Panda (PG/2008) 5.50 Can't Touch This 6.40-7.10 Celebrity Mastermind** (R) **7.30 Pointless Celebrities** (R) **8.20 The National Lottery Live 8.30 The Musketeers 9.25-10.15 Casualty 10.35-11.20 MOTD: Euro 2016 Highlights**

BBC2

6.20 Film: The Miracle of the Bells. (1948) Drama, starring Fred MacMurray and Frank Sinatra. **8.15 Film:** Carve Her Name with Pride. (1958) Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Virginia McKenna. **10.10** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.10** Natural World. (R) **12.00** Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes. (R) **12.30** Talking Tennis. **1.15** Tennis from Eastbourne. The Aegon International. All the action from the final at Devonshire Park Lawn Tennis Club in Eastbourne, which was won by Belinda Bencic last year. **4.00** Glastonbury 2016. **5.15** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Wigan Warriors v Castleford Tigers (Kick-off 5.30pm).

7.30 Grand Tours of Scotland. Paul Murton visits places connected to poet Robert Burns, the man who made Ayrshire famous. His tour takes him from Alloway, following the Burns trail to Mauchline, before heading for the coast and discovering the delights of Butlin's, bathing and betting.

8.00 Glastonbury 2016. Jo Whiley and Greg James take over the evening's presenting duties at Worthy Farm in Somerset, taking up residence close to the Pyramid Stage to provide viewers with on-the-spot coverage of tonight's most anticipated performances. The pair also provide highlights from throughout the second day of the festival, including sets by Madness, The 1975 and The Last Shadow Puppets. Gemma Cairney, Martin Dougan and Clara Amfo are also on hand to share some of the best music from the rest of Glastonbury's many venues.

9.00 Glastonbury 2016. As excitement builds for this evening's roster of music, Lauren Laverne and Huw Stephens introduce highlights from sets by the likes of Tame Impala, who support this evening's big headline star, and Glasgow synth-pop stars Chvrches. All eyes are bound to be on the Pyramid Stage come 10.15pm, though, as Adele emerges for this evening's headline performance. Once the blue-eyed soul siren's performance concludes, coverage goes back to the BBC studio in the Park area, where Jo Whiley and Mark Radcliffe provide highlights from sets by James Blake and M83.

1.00 MOTD: Euro 2016 Match Replay. **2.40** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.20** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.45** Looped. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.30** The Wine Show. **12.40** ITV News; Weather. **1.00** Euro 2016. Group A runner-up v Group C runner-up (Kick-off 2.00pm). Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the opening match of the last 16, from the Stade Geoffroy-Guichard in Saint-Etienne. Subsequent programmes subject to change. **4.00** Euro 2016. Group B winner v third-place qualifier (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.00 Euro 2016. Group D winner v third-place qualifier (Kick-off 8.00pm). Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the last-16 match, staged at the Stade Bollaert-Delelis in Lens. Reigning champions Spain entered the tournament as favourites to top Group D, despite falling to a surprise 1-0 defeat at home to Georgia in their final warm-up match before departing for France, which may have given Czech Republic, Turkey and Croatia enough belief that they could cause something of a surprise. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

10.15 ITV News; Weather.

10.30 Euro 2016 Highlights. The opening last-16 matches from France, which were staged at the Stade Geoffroy-Guichard in Saint-Etienne, at the Stade de France in Paris and the Stade Bollaert-Delelis in Lens.

11.30 Film: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head. (1966) Comedy spoof.

1.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

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11.30 Rebound (R) **12.30 The Wine Show 1.30 Off Their Rockers** (R) **2.00 ITV News And Weather 2.19 ITV Weather 2.20 FILM: The Incredible Hulk (12/2008) 4.30 Tipping Point** (R) **5.30 ITV News 5.45 ITV News And Weather 6.00 Catchphrase** (R) **7.00 The Chase (R) 8.00 Midsomer Murders** (R) **10.00 ITV News And Weather 10.14 ITV Weather 10.15 Euro 2016 Highlights 11.15 FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (PG/1966) 1.00-3.00 Jackpot247**

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Salvage SOS. **6.30** Motor Sport: Mobil 1 The Grid. **7.00** Triathlon. **7.30** Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Car SOS. (R) **11.00** The Superhumans Show. **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.00** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newcastle and Newmarket. **4.30** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. **5.35** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Gogglesprogs. In Shropshire, Toby, Sam and James share a love of video games, while in Neath Ashton adores documentaries though his sister Darcie and cousin Cari both prefer the soaps. In this episode, the young TV viewers give their unique takes on Take Me Out, Countdown and Star Wars. (R)

8.00 Film: Life of Pi. (2012) A writer interviews a man about the extraordinary events of his life. He describes his childhood in India, living in the zoo run by his father, and how the family and their animals were forced to relocate to Canada when he was a teenager. However, during the sea voyage, the ship sank and he was left adrift in a small boat with a ferocious tiger. Ang Lee's adventure based on Yann Martel's novel, starring Suraj Sharma and Irrfan Khan.

10.30 Film: R.I.P.D. (2013) Premiere. A cop killed in the line of duty is recruited by a ghostly police force assigned to battle evil spirits. Fantasy adventure, starring Ryan Reynolds and Jeff Bridges.

12.30 Film: Blue Is the Warmest Colour. (2013) A teenage girl learns to develop her own outlook on life through her long relationship with an older woman. Romantic drama, with Lea Seydoux and Adele Exarchopoulos. **3.30** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. John Paul realises he has missed Father's Day, while Myra falls down the stairs at the school. Nancy and Darren are determined to stop Maxine dating Adam. (R) **5.40** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. Kirstie Allsopp helps Iman and Heather Ahmed to decorate their new home with a vintage 1920s-inspired theme and highlights the perks of second-hand furniture. (R) **5.55** The King of Queens. Doug's bowling team has to win the next match. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.30** The Saturday Show Live. **11.40 Film:** Star Trek: Insurrection. (1998) **1.40 Film:** Columbo: The Conspirators. (1978) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.40 Film:** Columbo: Playback. (1975) Crime drama, with Peter Falk. **5.10** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Brian O'Shaughnessy and Graham Aldred's first case sees them in a Brighton health spa as they search for assets to seize in pursuit of a £20,000 debt. Following a stand-off, they devise a way to work with the owner and her professional advisers to come up with a solution. Later, Graham reveals his softer side when he revisits a woman who defaulted on a debt payment plan. (R)

7.10 NCIS: Los Angeles. Callen and Sam investigate when an ex-marine is killed by an explosive device hidden in his mobile phone and discover the other members of his bomb disposal unit are also in danger. (R)

8.00 NCIS. Gibbs is taken aback to discover Tony's father is linked to the team's latest investigation, a politically sensitive case involving an assassination attempt on Prince Sayif, a visiting Saudi dignitary with a taste for the high life. (R)

9.00 NCIS. A prostitute and what seems to be one of her clients are gunned down in a drive-by shooting, and when it emerges that the would-be John was actually a Navy officer, Gibbs and DiNozzo realise the killings are connected Lex Tarlionas, an incomplete operation to bring justice to those responsible for an attack on a US airport in 1979, which left 100 people dead. The main suspect is a former Colombian drugs kingpin known as Tomas Orlando, and the murdered sex worker was about to hand over crucial DNA evidence that could have connected him to the crime, but now that she is dead, Gibbs and the others must find another way to finally bring Orlando in.

9.55 5 News Weekend.

10.00 Big Brother. Catching up with the Big Brother contestants as they react to Friday night's live eviction.

11.05 Jason Manford Live. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Big Brother. (R) **4.00** The Secret Life of Kittens. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Squeeze & Madness at Glastonbury 2016 **8.00** Baaba Maal & Mbongwana Star at Glastonbury 2016 **9.00** Egypt's Lost Cities **10.30** New Order & Philip Glass's Heroes Symphony at Glastonbury 2016 **12.30** Synth Britannia at the BBC **1.30** Top of the Pops: 1982 **2.00** When Albums Ruled the World **3.30** Close

ITV2

12.25 Ninja Warrior UK **1.30 Film:** The Perfect Man (2005) **2.30** FYI Daily **2.35 Film:** The Perfect Man (2005) **3.35 Film:** Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **4.35** FYI Daily **4.40 Film:** Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **5.15 Film:** Along Came Polly (2004) **6.15** FYI Daily **6.20 Film:** Along Came Polly (2004) **7.05 Film:** Rumour Has It (2005) **8.05** FYI Daily **8.10 Film:** Rumour Has It (2005) **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hotlist **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.20** The Cleveland Show **2.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.25 FYI Daily **11.30 Film:** Les Miserables (1978) **12.45** Foyle's War **2.50** Midsomer Murders **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** Inspector Morse **12.10** The Jury **1.10** City Lights **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.15 The Saint **12.20** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **1.50** Pawn Stars **2.45 Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **3.45** FYI Daily **3.50 Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **4.30 Film:** Superman (1978) **5.30** FYI Daily **5.35 Film:** Superman (1978) **7.30** World Series of Darts: Shanghai **11.30 Film:** Sleepers (1996) **12.30** FYI Daily **12.35 Film:** Sleepers (1996) **2.25** Movies Now **2.35** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.30 Baby Daddy **12.30** How I Met Your Mother **1.30** The Goldbergs **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Immortals (2011) **11.10** Gogglebox **1.20** Rude Tube: Love Bytes **2.20** The Inbetweeners **3.15** Gogglebox **4.05** New Girl **4.30** Revenge

Film4

11.00 The Last Mimzy (2007) **1.00** Fantastic Mr Fox (2009) **2.40** The Phantom (1996) **4.40** Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (2009) **6.45** I, Robot (2004) **9.00** Bullet to the Head (2012) **10.45** Predator 2 (1990) **12.55** 4.3.2.1 (2010) **3.15** Close

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CHOICE

Anne Alsop

Messages Home: Lost Films of the British Army (Channel 4, 8pm)
Documentary about filmed messages made by British soldiers serving in Burma during the Second World War, which were recently recovered in a Manchester Town Hall basement. The footage features messages from the soldiers to their families at home, including a father speaking to a daughter he has not met, a decorated veteran troubled by the thought of killing, and a gunner longing to return to the woman he loved.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.15** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Group A winner v third-place qualifier (Kick-off 2.00pm). Gary Lineker introduces coverage of the last-16 match, staged at the Stade de Lyon. Having been drawn alongside Albania, Romania and Switzerland in Group A, tournament hosts France were the hot favourites to be involved in this match, especially as they are considered by many to be favourites to win the tournament. The third-place qualifier will be selected from either groups C, D or E, which means there is a chance that either Northern Ireland or Republic of Ireland could be involved this afternoon. Subsequent programmes subject to change. **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Group C winner v third-place qualifier (Kick-off 5.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the fifth match of the last-16 stage, held at the Stade Pierre Mauroy in Lille. Half of the quarter-final line-up has been decided and the favourites to be involved in this fixture are Germany, who started the tournament as the most fancied side in Group C. Their record in the European Championships is outstanding, but they slipped up in the semi-finals four years ago against an Italian team inspired by maverick striker Mario Balotelli. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
7.00 BBC News.
7.20 Regional Programme.
7.30 MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Group F winner v Group E runner-up (Kick-off 8.00pm). Subsequent programmes subject to change.
10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Regional Programme.
10.30 Room 101 – Extra Storage.
11.15 Film: High Fidelity. (2000)
1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.05** BBC News.
In the event of football not being shown the schedule may run as follows:
1.30 Homes Under The Hammer (R) **2.30 Flog It!** (R) **3.25 Escape To The Continent** (R) **3.55 Songs Of Praise 4.30 TBA 5.05 Pointless Celebrities** (R) **6.00 BBC News 6.20 Regional News; Weather 6.30 Countryfile 7.30 TBA 8.30 The Musketeers 9.25 Casualty 10.15 BBC News 10.35 Regional News; Weather 10.45 MOTD: Euro 2016 Highlights 11.30 FILM: High Fidelity (15/2000) 1.15 Weather For The Week Ahead 1.20-6.00 BBC News**

BBC2

6.35 Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.35** Countryfile. (R) **8.35** The Beechgrove Garden. (R) **9.05** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.35** Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes. (R) **11.05** A Cook Abroad: John Torode's Argentina. (R) **12.05** Tennis: Wimbledon 2015 Review. **1.00** Live Athletics: British Championships. The third and final day from Birmingham. **5.00** Flog It! (R) **5.30** The Great British Sewing Bee. (R)
6.30 Glastonbury 2016. Mark Radcliffe, Lauren Laverne and Jo Whiley present more highlights from the festival, including Jeff Lynne making his Glastonbury debut on the Pyramid Stage. The programme also features performances by Gregory Porter and Laura Mvula and an acoustic set by Cyndi Lauper, while Gemma Cairney and Martin Dougan report on some of the more obscure areas of the festival.
8.00 Top Gear. Chris Evans and Matt Le Blanc take a trip to Dingle to check out Rolls Royce's new model the Dawn, and put it to the test to see if it can outperform one of the company's most successful cars, the 1976 Cornishe. Rory Reid retraces a historic journey against the clock when he delivers a Jaguar F-type SVR to the Geneva Motor Show, while Chris Harris takes the the new BMW M2 for a test drive. Jennifer Saunders and The Great British Bake Off's Paul Hollywood are this week's Stars in a Rallycross Car.
9.00 Glastonbury 2016. Jo Whiley and Huw Stephens introduce full live coverage Coldplay's performance at the Pyramid Stage, with the group headlining the festival for a record-breaking fourth time. After the set, Mark Radcliffe joins Jo to present some highlights from the third day, including LCD Soundsystem, Guy Garvey and Grimes. Plus, Gemma Cairney delivers a report from the late night world of the festival.
12.00 MOTD: Euro 2016 Match Replay. A full re-run of a match from the last 16 of the tournament in France. **1.40** Sign Zone: Countryfile. The team explores the East Midlands, with Matt Baker travelling down the river Trent in a kayak and Helen Skelton becoming an apprentice at a traditional windmill in Rutland. (R) **2.40** Holby City. Jac is angered when someone steals the patent for the Digby Stent. (R) **3.35** Horizon: How to Find Love Online. (R) **4.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.20** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.45** Looped. (R) **8.00** Teen Titans Go! (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Griff's Great Britain. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant. (R) **11.30** Weekend Escapes with Warwick Davis. (R) **11.55** Catchphrase. (R) **12.40** ITV News. **1.00** Euro 2016. Group A winner v third-place qualifier (Kick-off 2.00pm). **4.00** Euro 2016. Group C winner v third-place qualifier (Kick-off 5.00pm).
7.00 Euro 2016. Group F winner v Group E runner-up (Kick-off 8.00pm). Mark Pougatch presents all the action from the Stadium Municipal in Toulouse, where the sixth last-16 fixture takes place. Four years ago two matches in the knockout stage went to penalties, both after finishing goalless, with Italy beating England in the quarter-finals, and Spain eliminating Portugal in the semi-finals before going on to win the tournament and continue their dominance of international football. The Portuguese are expected to be in action again this evening, given that they were the clear favourites to win Group F, while the Italians were drawn in Group E, arguably the toughest of the six, alongside Sweden, Belgium and the Republic of Ireland.
10.15 ITV News; Weather.
10.30 Euro 2016 Highlights. Action from the latest last-16 matches from France, which were staged at the Stade de Lyon, the Stade Pierre-Mauroy in Lille and the Stadium Municipal in Toulouse.
11.30 Peston on Sunday. (R)
12.30 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. Action from Thruxton. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)
In the event of football not being shown the schedule may run as follows:
1.00 Planet's Got Talent (R) 1.30 Judge Rinder (R) **2.30 Midsomer Murders** (R) **4.30 The Chase** (R) **5.30 ITV News 5.45 ITV News And Weather 6.00 You've Been Framed! (R) 7.00 Big Star's Little Star** (R) **8.00 Endeavour** (R) **10.00 ITV News And Weather 10.14 ITV Weather 10.15 Euro 2016 Highlights 11.15 Peston On Sunday** (R) **12.15-3.00 Jackpot247**

CHANNEL 4

6.20 Salvage SOS. **6.45** Salvage SOS. **7.05** 24 Hours of Le Mans: World Endurance Championship. **7.30** 24 Hours of Le Mans: World Endurance Championship. **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30 Film:** Runaway Bride. (1999) Romantic comedy, with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. **3.50 Film:** One Hundred and One Dalmatians. (1961) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Betty Lou Gerson. **5.30** Location, Location, Location. (R)
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service. The actress concludes her journey with a trip to the Queen's royal residences in Wales and exploring the regal links, including ceremonial investitures, Pembrokeshire corgis and the Royal harpist. She pays a visit to Caernarfon Castle, where Prince Charles was invested as Prince of Wales in 1969, and the Royal Mint, as well as Aberfan in the valleys of south-west Wales, which was the site of a disastrous coal mining accident in 1966. On her travels, she meets champion dog breeders and is serenaded by two male voice choirs. Last in the series.
8.00 Messages Home: Lost Films of the British Army. Documentary about recently recovered films made by British soldiers serving in Burma during the Second World War in which they send messages home to their families.
9.00 Film: The Railway Man. (2013) Premiere. A traumatised former prisoner of war gets married, but continues to suffer nightmares about his experiences. He is unable to talk to his wife about his time in captivity, so she tracks down a fellow convict to learn the truth – and discovers the cruel Japanese officer he is fixated on is still alive. Fact-based drama, starring Colin Firth, Nicole Kidman and Stellan Skarsgard.
11.20 Film: The Sixth Sense. (1999) A child psychologist takes on the case of a boy terrified by ghostly apparitions. M Night Shyamalan's supernatural thriller, with Bruce Willis and Toni Collette.
1.15 The Secret World of Tinder. (R) **2.10** Hitler's Hidden Drug Habit. (R) **3.05** French Collection. (R) **4.00** Posh Pawnbrokers. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.05** Pets. (R) **7.10** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.20** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.35** Little Princess. (R) **7.50** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Shimmer and Shine. **9.10** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Now That's Funny! (R) **11.35 Film:** Under the Tuscan Sun. (2003) Romantic comedy drama, with Diane Lane and Raoul Bova. **1.45 Film:** The Horse Whisperer. (1998) Drama, starring Robert Redford. **5.00 Film:** The Deep End of the Ocean. (1999) Drama, starring Michelle Pfeiffer.
6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Sri Lanka. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the third one-day international in the five-match series, which took place at The County Ground in Bristol.
8.00 Now That's Funny! A collection of internet-sourced videos with a family friendly hook, featuring a girl struggling with a maths question and some spectacular escape attempts. Plus, the latest stars of the week.
9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, revealing how the housemates are getting on under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.
10.00 Sacrifice. A former surgeon moves to her husband's ancestral home in the Shetland Islands, where she uncovers a corpse in a peat bog. Mystery drama, with Radha Mitchell.
11.50 It's Not Me, It's You. Eamonn Holmes hosts this relationship-based panel show, in which team captains Kelly Brook and Vicky Pattison lead four celebrity guests through a series of games. (R)
12.35 Lip Sync Battle: Stephen Merchant v Malin Akerman. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. The GPs see patients with sports-related injuries. (R) **4.00** Now That's Funny! Internet-sourced videos with an amusing family friendly hook. (R) **4.50** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 The Last Days of Anne Boleyn **8.00** Gregory Porter & Ellie Goulding at Glastonbury 2016 **9.00** PJ Harvey at Glastonbury 2016 **10.00** Earth, Wind & Fire at Glastonbury 2016 **11.30** Big Hits: TOTP 1964 to 1975 **1.00** Wonders of the Universe **2.00** Rise of the Continents **3.00** The Treasure Hunters **4.00** Close
ITV2
1.05 Take Me Out **2.05** Love Island: The Weekly Hotlist **2.35** Catchphrase **3.20 Film:** Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **4.20** FYI Daily **4.25 Film:** Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **5.05 Film:** Charlotte's Web (2006) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10 Film:** Charlotte's Web (2006) **7.00 Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **8.00** FYI Daily **8.05 Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** The Cleveland Show **1.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **1.55** Planet's Funniest Animals **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
11.20 Goodbye Mr Chips **1.25 Film:** Columbo: The Bye-Bye Sky-High IQ Murder Case (1977) **3.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.05** The Making of a Lady **6.55** Midsomer Murders **9.00** The Bletchley Circle **10.00** Lewis **12.05 Film:** Wimbledon (2004) **1.15** FYI Daily **1.20 Film:** Wimbledon (2004) **1.55** A Touch of Frost **3.40** May the Best House Win **5.25** Judge Judy **5.45** ITV3 Nightscreen
ITV4
12.05 Storage Wars Unlocked **1.00** Storage Wars **2.00** Pawn Stars **3.25 Film:** Superman (1978) **4.25** FYI Daily **4.30 Film:** Superman (1978) **6.20** The Wine Show **7.30** World Series of Darts: Shanghai **11.30** The Darts Mavericks **12.30 Film:** The Boat That Rocked (2009) **1.35** FYI Daily **1.40 Film:** The Boat That Rocked (2009) **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
12.30 Made in Chelsea **1.35** Couples Come Dine with Me **3.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1 (2011) **11.20** Gogglebox **12.25** The Inbetweeners **1.30** Tattoo Fixers **2.30** Gogglebox **3.25** Hollyoaks
Film4
11.00 Destry Rides Again (1939) **1.00** Chalet Girl (2011) **2.50** Patton (1970) **6.10** Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (2009) **9.00** Die Hard 2 (1990) **11.25** Enemy at the Gates (2001) **2.00** MacGruber (2010) **3.50** Close

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PICK OF THE WEEK

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Dark Desire, Channel 5, 3.20pm
A woman trapped in an unhappy marriage suffers further misery when she learns that her student son has died in a tragic accident. She turns to his sympathetic college roommate for solace and they begin an affair - but she gradually realises her lover may have murdered her child. Thriller, starring Kelly Lynch and Nic Robuck. (2012)

WEDNESDAY
The Haunting in Connecticut, Channel 4, 1.30am
A family relocates to an old Victorian house to be closer to a clinic where their son is receiving treatment for cancer. When the teenager begins to suffer strange visions and nightmares, he learns the property was once inhabited by a demonic messenger, who returns to unleash terror on the new residents. Horror, starring Kyle Gallner. (2009)

THURSDAY
Deadly Revenge, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman starts a relationship with a seemingly perfect man who has an intense relationship with his mother. She discovers his only previous girlfriend died mysteriously, and becomes consumed with paranoia as she investigates what became of her. Thriller, starring Alicia Ziegler. (2013)

Fallen, Friday, BBC1 11.55pm

FRIDAY
Baby Sellers, Channel 5, 3.20pm
The owner of an adoption agency maintains a respectable reputation, while secretly the children she provides to desperate clients are obtained by illegal means. A customs agent develops suspicions about the criminal network behind the trade in kidnapped infants and tries to expose the scandal. Crime drama, starring Jennifer Finnigan and Kirstie Alley. (2013)
Fallen, BBC1, 11.55pm
A detective investigates a series of grisly murders that mimic the handiwork of an executed serial killer. The case takes a stranger twist when he realises a bloodthirsty disembodied demon is responsible – and that it can leap from one unsuspecting host to another. Supernatural thriller, starring Denzel Washington. (1998)

Who will be this year's ace in the pack?

There's barely been time for tennis fans to recover from Novak Djokovic beating Andy Murray in the French Open final, and now here we are again – as the world's best players return with their all-whites freshly bleached to do battle at the All England Club.

The third Grand Slam of the year on SW19's hallowed grass courts is always one of the highlights of the sporting calendar, and it's an early start for Sue Barker today, as she introduces coverage of the opening day's play.

The action on Centre Court traditionally begins with the men's singles champion beginning the defence of his title.

That man is Djokovic, who goes into the tournament as the heavy favourite after dominating the men's game for the last couple of seasons.

The Serb won his first Wimbledon title in 2011, and famously celebrated by eating a handful of Centre Court grass.

He made the final again in 2013; and in 2014 and 2015 was munching happily on the turf again as he defeated Roger Federer both times to claim back-to-back titles – the first man to do so since Federer's unequalled five-year reign from 2003 to 2007.

Djokovic's four-set defeat of Murray in Paris a fortnight ago saw him become the first man since the great Rod Laver in 1969 to hold all four Grand Slam titles at the same time, and few would bet on him adding to his three Wimbledon successes a week on Sunday.

His main danger is likely to come from world No.2 and 2013 champ Murray, who may trail Djokovic in the head-to-head, but continues to win enough matches against the Serb and push him in the ones he loses to keep his rival and friend honest.

Murray can expect more support than ever this year after capturing the Davis Cup for Great Britain in 2015, and if he can keep heart-stopping five-set epics in the early rounds to a minimum, he could be solid pick to reach the final at the All England Club – where he's beaten Djokovic before.

As far as the women's tournament goes, Serena Williams remains very much the queen the game, but she hasn't won a Grand Slam title since she beat Garbiñe Muguruza on Centre Court 12 months ago.

Her quest for the calendar-year Grand Slam and a 22nd title overall, which would tie Steffi Graf's Open Era record, was unexpectedly derailed by Italian veteran Roberta Vinci in New York last year.

Returning in January at the Australian Open, Williams suffered another surprise defeat to left-hander Angelique Kerber.

So no calendar Slam this year, but the quest for 22 was very much still on, and despite various illness and injury problems Williams stormed to the French Open final for the loss of just one set – only to be defeated by Garbine Muguruza.

On the home front, Johanna Konta has enjoyed a 2016 campaign to remember and the Briton will be hopeful that the partisan crowd can see her reproduce the form which saw her reach the Australian Open semi-final in January.

Sue Barker presents Wimbledon 2016, Monday, BBC2, 11.30am

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Superfoods: The Real Story
Channel 4, 8.30pm
Kate Quilton returns with the programme that investigates the purported health benefits of superfoods. She visits the Italian city of Naples to explore the potential cancer-busting properties of the humble tomato, before travelling to Japan to find out if the secret of youth is contained in fermented soya beans, and also examines if a glass of red wine can really help boost brain power.

Wentworth Prison
Channel 5, 10pm
Welcome back to Wentworth Prison, the Australian jail where the staff are arguably more dangerous than the inmates. It's been four months since Governor Joan Ferguson murdered Jess Warner and set fire to H Block, and she's now being held in Isolation Protection – which should give her more time to dream up new ways to fabricate her innocence.

TUESDAY
The Living and the Dead
BBC1, 9pm
Fancy a spooky new drama to get your teeth into? Then this series starring Colin Morgan should be just the ticket. When the death of his mother brings Nathan Appleby and his wife Charlotte back to the family estate in Somerset, they must turn the farm's fortunes around or risk ruin, and the devastation of the local community. However, when a vulnerable teenage girl is brought to Nathan, seemingly possessed by a terrifying spirit, he cannot leave her to suffer. He must use every psychological technique he has to find a way to free her from this terrible burden.

WEDNESDAY
Britain's Favourite Dogs
ITV, 8pm
A countdown of the nation's 10 favourite breeds, based on a survey of 1,000 dog owners, discovering how the favourites have changed over the years. The survey also uncovers what makes people fall head over heels for a particular type of dog, with almost a quarter of all households in the UK accommodating one of man's best friends. The programme gets to meet the owners of some of Britain's most outstanding pooches, before revealing which breed emerges as top dog.

The Living and the Dead, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

THURSDAY
Ramsay's Hotel Hell
Channel 4, 10pm
New series. Gordon Ramsay uses his wealth of experience in the restaurant business to help more struggling hotels, motels and B&Bs across America, putting the owners and staff to work as he attempts to save their establishments from disaster. He begins with a visit to Angler's Lodge in Island Park, Idaho. Owner Dave Eby built the lodge with his own hands, but a family tragedy has caused him and wife Dede to shy away from the hotel and the community. Gordon is desperate to help mend this broken family – but is it too late to save their business?

FRIDAY
Gogglesprogs
Channel 4, 8pm
Young TV viewers watch a range of programmes, from entertainment shows to documentaries and classic films, as well as up-to-the-minute news reports. In London, childhood friends Shuaib and Janai love watching cartoons together. In Birmingham, mates Edie and Teanna are both in the school book club, and in Leicester are six-year old Geet and her four-year-old brother Hanson, who wants to be a Formula 1 racing driver.

The Last Leg
Channel 4, 10pm
Originally just a nightly Paralympics round-up on Channel 4, this show fronted by Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker, has become a massive success mainly due to it having exactly the right amount of edgy humour to break down barriers over disability and any other topics the public may feel are 'awkward'. So central is this idea to the show that there's even a twitter handle, #isitok, which allows viewers to tweet questions. This provides some of the best moments – partly for confronting the dilemma partly in providing an excuse for Hills, Widdicombe and Brooker to cite the most stupid and/or offensive thing they have recently heard. Tonight the trio are joined by celebrity guests for a comic review of the past seven days, answering more edgy current affairs questions that other shows might duck.

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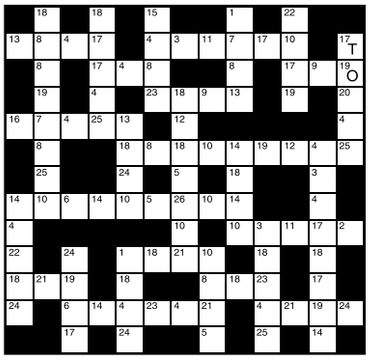

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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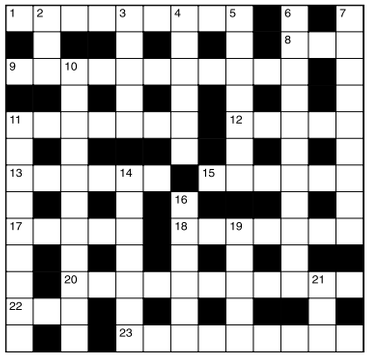
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Widespread, as far as one can see (9)
8. Member of some particular minority (3)
9. Be careful on the dodgems, for example? (4,7)
11. Stops work and goes to bed (7)
12. Surpass with some complex cello playing (5)
13. To mother it's a female illness (6)
15. A draughtsman's intention? (6)
17. Mean to a girl (5)
18. What to write about a recital? (7)
20. Lanes that lead out of sight? (5,6)
22. There's nothing in vanilla left (3)
23. String net becomes entangled, leaving no loopholes (9)

Down

2. Turkish officer is against, but not this month (3)
3. Quarrelsome sculler (5)
4. The doctor got up, looking surly (6)
5. He's nice, perhaps, and from the East (7)
6. A ring that can work wonders (5,6)
7. Possibly alum can be for those who are ill (9)
10. You can't take anything like this (11)
11. Causing a trying delay? (9)
14. Books of record I'd brought up to sign (7)
16. It helps you to reach new heights (6)
19. It is in fact a long claw (5)
21. Craving for Japanese money (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Irresolute (9)
8. Deprive (3)
9. Formidable (11)
11. Concentrated (7)
12. Offspring (5)
13. Boggy (6)
15. Gracious (6)
17. Perch (5)
18. Desecrate (7)
20. Feat (11)
22. In bloom (3)
23. Virago (9)

Down

2. Born (3)
3. Vessel for milk (5)
4. Waver (6)
5. Complete collapse (7)
6. Rash (11)
7. Plenty (9)
10. Worsen (11)
11. Ducking (9)
14. Small axe (7)
16. Seem (6)
19. Musical drama (5)
21. Woman in religious order (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Uproot; 8 Feline; 10 Shampoo; 11 Genie; 12 Flee; 13 Rates; 17 Might; 18 Page; 22 Error; 23 Mastery; 24 Modest; 25 Portia. Down: 1 Puts off; 2 Breaker; 3 Loops; 4 Reigned; 5 Giant; 6 Level; 9 Not at home; 14 Digress; 15 Talents; 16 New Year; 19 Seems; 20 Crude; 21 Estop. QUICK - Across: 7 Origin; 8 Compel; 10 Besides; 11 Title; 12 None; 13 Topic; 17 Spoil; 18 Solo; 22 Antic; 23 Thought; 24 Paltry; 25 Quiver. Down: 1 Combine; 2 Dissent; 3 Finds; 4 Contain; 5 Spite; 6 Alter; 9 Associate; 14 Spectre; 15 Forgive; 16 Contort; 19 Happy; 20 Still; 21 Bogus.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. Of which words is pixel a contraction?
2. In which county is Scafell Pike?
3. Who played the Catwoman in the film Batman Returns?
4. How is the N American caribou also known?
5. In Greek mythology, of what was Irene the goddess?
6. By what name is the marsupial Sarcophilus harrisii better known?
7. In which castle was Edward II murdered?
8. How many letters are there in the Greek alphabet?
9. At which game was actor Omar Sharif an expert?
10. Which subatomic particle is named after the Greek for 'first'?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Mount Sinai; 2 Peter Cushing; 3 Scotland; 4 Alfred the Great; 5 George Best; 6 Myanmar; 7 Trumpet; 8 A tree or its fruit; 9 Marchioness; 10 Mormonism.

Niner: DEFORMING

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

824 gives a boy's name,
6769 gives a girl's name,
16235 gives another girl's name.

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Sweet and spicy – curry shrimp and mango

Jamaican brown chicken one pot with rice

Bright and bold – inside the restaurant

A taste of the Caribbean – Turtle Bay, Birmingham

Turtle may be popular but not sure I would be willing to shell out again

By Lisa Wright

YOU know when you go somewhere for dinner and you have really high expectations. You really want it to be amazing?

That's exactly how I felt about Turtle Bay. I'd heard some really good things from friends and colleagues that had been and so I was really looking forward to my first visit to give the food a try at the John Bright Street eatery.

I'd popped in for drinks on a few occasions previously and each time not only was the bar packed, but the restaurant heaving with diners. So for a recent family meal, with two small children, it seemed the perfect place – not too pricey, laid back and fun.

What I'd liked most about the venue from previous experience was the holiday feel you got from standing at the bar, sipping a few cocktails and soaking up the colourful Caribbean decor and music. There really was a buzz about the place. And the menu looked really tempting too, and split into a number of different sections depending on what you're after.

I'm a huge fan of Caribbean food with my father hailing from Jamaica and there's a real shortage of restaurants offering the cuisine, so I was looking forward to what was on offer. The menu looked tempting, throwing in some more traditional dishes with those I wasn't expecting to see.

We'd got a table for six people booked for 6.30pm on a Thursday evening and when we arrived it wasn't ready, so we were invited to wait in the entrance area and pointed to a table – a table full of dirty glasses and plates from the previous occupants. Not great.

When our table was ready it took another half an hour for drinks to arrive. If I hadn't been out with the family and two small children I would have walked out already, but we waited patiently. There was no children's menu so my niece and nephew – aged eight and five – chose from the lighter menu, both going for the quarter jerk chicken and chips.

Seasoning

Some of us wanted starters and we went for the beef patty, jerk glazed ribs and chilli fried squid. It took a while for the food to arrive, but when it did it was tasty.

The beef patty was seasoned well and the pastry cooked nicely. The shrimp also went down a treat. The ribs were quite small as a portion, but the meat was tender. However, the jerk seasoning was very spicy – definitely not one for the kids.

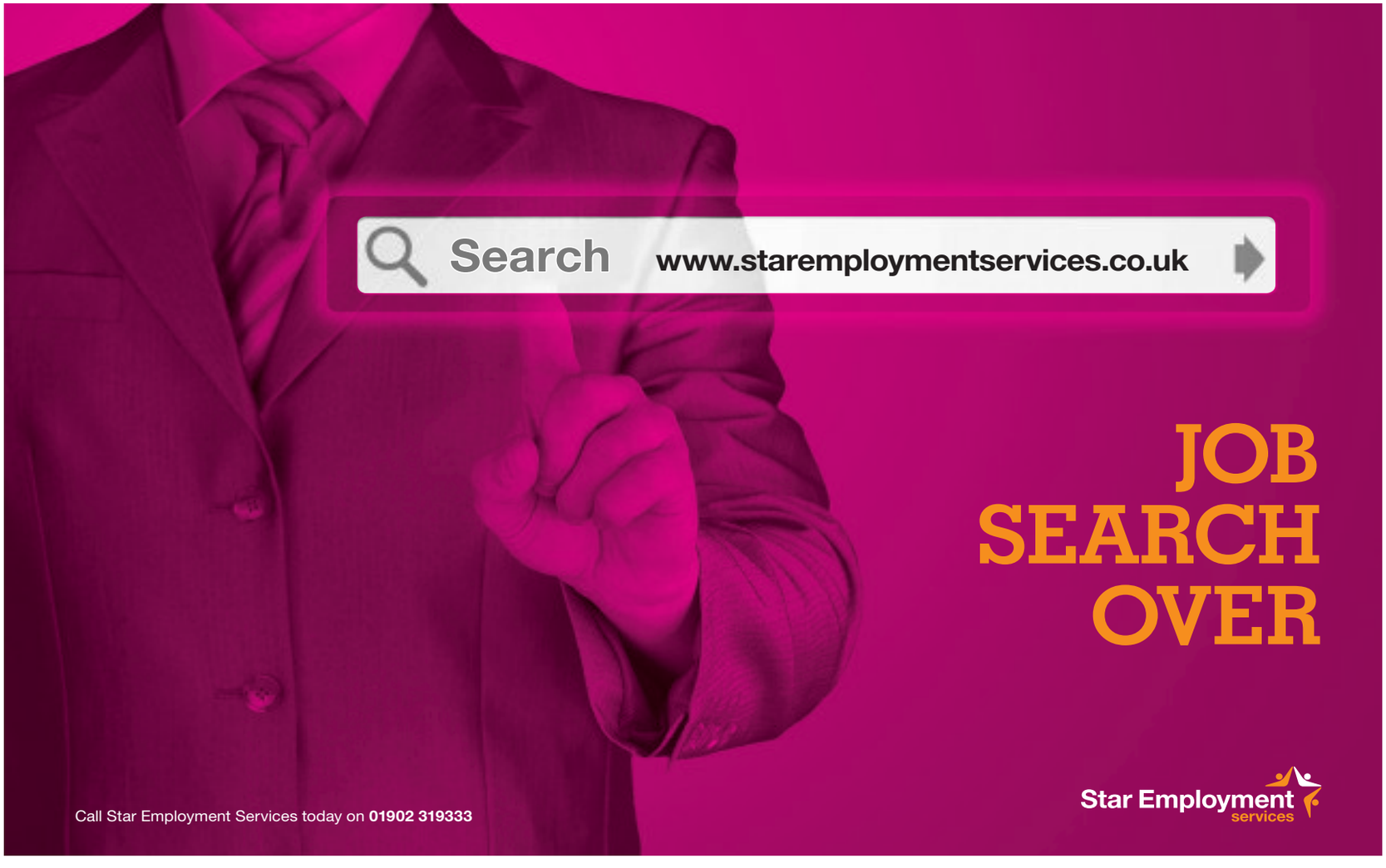
For mains, my niece loved her jerk chicken and chips, the chicken was mild and moist. My nephew's fries however, were so overcooked we had to send them back.

My mum wolfed down her curry, shrimp and mango one pot, which was loaded with shrimps, mango and sweet potatoes and got the firm thumbs-up. While my sisters enjoyed their Jamaican browned chicken one pot and the jerk salmon, which was a generous piece of fish with a tasty, crispy skin.

However my dish – the Mo'Bay chicken – was a real disappointment.

The main problem was that the chicken breast had been chargrilled first and then smothered in a creamy sauce. What resulted was just a burnt taste of chicken that the sauce couldn't hide. But my biggest bugbear of the night was the service. In a word, it was slow.

I'm not sure I'd be in a hurry to return.



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YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Nicely presented and impressively extended home

A superbly presented and impressively extended detached family home, 22 Dog Kennel Lane, Oldbury has been renovated throughout and lies in popular location.

It is for sale through Hicks Hadley at £385,000.

It has a large lounge, a further spacious sitting room/dining room, a fully re-fitted dining kitchen with central island, a downstairs shower room/guest cloakroom and utility room.

There are also four large bedrooms to the first floor with one having en suite facilities and a house bathroom, whilst the second floor provides a very large master bedroom with full en-suite bathroom.

In more detail it has an entrance hall with stairs off and ceiling spot lighting and an under-stairs cupboard, a large lounge with bi-folding doors opening to the garden, a vaulted ceiling and a Velux-style roof light and a further set of bi-folding doors to the dining kitchen.

There is a further lounge/sitting room with a bay window overlooking the frontage with a feature fire.

The dining kitchen has a range of high gloss units with worktops over, a larder unit, central island unit with fitted cupboards beneath and pop up sockets, integrated full height fridge and integrated full height freezer, built-in Siemens double oven with matching Siemens microwave, a fitted Siemens five ring gas hob with Siemens stainless steel cooker hood, integrated dishwasher, pan and cutlery drawers, bi-folding doors leading to the lounge and a door to the garden. The utility room has a full height broom cupboard and a door to the garage. The shower room/guest cloakroom includes a heated towel rail.

Off the first floor landing bedroom one has an en-suite with a fully tiled shower cubicle. There are three further bedrooms on this floor as well as a large bathroom. The second floor landing has a Velux-style roof light. This floor houses bedroom five which is served by an en-suite bathroom.

Outside the property has a wide blocked paved driveway providing ample off road parking. The attractive rear garden comprises a blocked paved patio with shaped lawns, mature flower and borders.

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The Detached house on the village fringe, is superbly appointed plus a fitted office/studio, offering: Hall, Cloaks/WC, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Breakfast/Utility, Four Bedrooms, feature En Suite & Designer Bathroom and D/Glazed. Fore garden/Drive, Side gated Garage, and two Gardens. EPC C

£279,950

LOWER GORNAL, Shakespeare Road, Straits

Spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & majority uPVC double glazed detached bungalow within reasonable walking distance of so many day -to-day amenities briefly comprising porch, central reception hall, cloaks, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, lounge, breakfast kitchen, pantry, store, through lobby. Brick garage (automated door), secluded rear garden. EPC. T.B.A. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £215,000

PENSNETT, Victoria Street

This TRULY OUTSTANDING, VASTLY EXTENDED DETACHED would make the perfect family home. Offering spacious accommodation, the property has a number of notable features such as FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS & A CONTEMPORARY GLOSS KITCHEN EPC E

£204,950

SEDGLEY, Ley Rise, Northway

Attractive, EXTENDED gas centrally heated and double glazed detached occupying a fine corner plot with tremendous distant views and offering potential comprising; entrance hall, fitted cloak room, elegant lounge, transverse dining kitchen (patio doors out to garden) with a fine range of units, pantry, good size utility room. Three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, delightful well tended/sheltered rear garden. EPC.D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £198,500

KINGSWINFORD, Rose Avenue

AN EXTENDED DETACHED BUNGALOW within this exclusive cul de sac, well placed for amenities, offering a generous, well appointed layout, including a LARGE CONSERVATORY, plus a driveway, CARPORT, GARAGE and a broad, attractively laid out garden. EPC D

No upward chain

£194,950

LOWER GORNAL, Sandstone Close

SCANDANAVIAN STYLE. Gas centrally heated, double glazed detached family home constructed to first quality specification & in exemplary order. Designed to match adjacent property with minimal energy/running costs the accommodation includes; hall, cloakroom, lounge, 19ft 'hub of the house' dining kitchen, garden room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. garden, GARAGE (rear), additional parking. EPC: C. SEDGLEY

Offers in the Region of £185,000

SEDGLEY, Queens Road

An attractive SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED gas centrally heated UPVC double glazed semi detached of character with TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring/open fields/other amenities. Accommodation provides porch, reception hall, sitting room, extended lounge, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, lengthy sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY.

Offers in the region of £180,000

UPPER GORNAL, Pale Street

SPACIOUS, NEW BUILD, gas centrally heated, double glazed dormer style detached with flexible room arrangements. Conveniently situated, the accommodation comprises; hall, stylish BATHROOM, double bedroom, magnificent 'hub of the house' 19 ft living/dining room/kitchen. To first floor is a large 20'7" principal bedroom with shower room en suite.Parking, gardens, distant views. EPC: SAP: B. SEDGLEY

Offers in region of £179,950

WALL HEATH, Barton Lane

An IMMACULATE END TOWN HOUSE with a BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN and FULL WIDTH DRIVEWAY, which enjoys a sought after 'cul de sac' position, offering a SUPERBLY APPOINTED layout with LARGE CONSERVATORY and THREE GOOD BEDROOMS EPC C

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SEDGLEY, Wolverhampton Road, (off Charnwood Avenue)

INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS! gas centrally heated, double glazed, SEVEN BEDROOM residence ideal for the extended family (possibilities of creating a 'granny suite'/institutional use subject to necessary regulations?) at head of cul-de-sac with DISTANT VIEWS. EPC: E. SEDGLEY.

Offers around £365,000

LOWER GORNAL, Straits Road

Imposing, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated, double glazed detached upon corner plot within walking distance of the village. Maintained to an exemplary standard, the accommodation includes; hall, lounge, dining room, utility room, cloakroom, kitchen with clear breakfast room section. Gallery landing, FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom. DOUBLE GARAGE, & securely gated LARGE CARPORT, gardens. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

New price — WAS £320,000, NOW £311,950

COSELEY, Greensand Drive

EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS - Larger than average, gas centrally heated, double glazed detached within reasonable distance of rail station & other amenities. Swift completion available, comprising; hall, 17ft lounge, dining room, very large CONSERVATORY, kitchen, store, utility room. Four bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom. Garage, gardens. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

New price — NOW OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £239,950

HIMLEY, Churns Hill Lane

PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED - A SUPERB, VERY SPACIOUS FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT for 55 yr plus owners, with open country views and a generous, beautifully appointed TWO BEDROOM layout with an EN-SUITE, plus ALLOCATED CAR PARKING and beautifully landscaped communal gardens. EPC B

New price — £174,950

WALL HEATH, Cross Street

An IMMACULATE MID MEWS with FRONT & REAR DRIVE/ PARKING, providing a generous layout of accommodation with 3 BEDROOMS, luxury dining kitchen and a luxury bathroom, To the rear enjoying a BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT SUNNY/ PRIVATE GARDEN. EPC C.

£159,950

DUDLEY, Wellspring Gardens, Woodall Grange

ALMOST £10,000 BELOW NEW RELEASE 'WESSEX' MODEL!! with swift completion available,only constructed in October 2014.Tremendously upgraded, PRISTINE & EXCEPTIONALLY STYLISH gas centrally heated,double glazed home upon poplar development within walking distance of many Town Centre amenities comprising; hall, cloakroom, kitchen. living/ dining room, THREE BEDROOMS (principal room with en suite), bathroom, landscaped rear garden, parking. EPC: C. SEDGLEY

New price — OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £155,000

DUDLEY, Cardoness Place

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas centrally heated double glazed (majority UPVC) semi detached in favoured/convenient district (close to Milking Bank amenities) with entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, pantry. THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, potential garage space, sheltered expertly landscaped rear garden.. EPC: C SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £155,000

WOODSETTON, Rosemary Crescent

COMPREHENSIVELY MODERNISED TO AN EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH SPECIFICATION! Extended, gas centrally heated, double glazed semi detached that has been TRANSFORMED to an exemplary standard with porch, hall, store, lounge, utility room, cloakroom, extended 18'9" (L shape) dining kitchen with an extensive range of gloss cream units & various integrated appliances. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Potential off road parking, landscaped rear garden. EPC: T.B.A. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £150,000

KINGSWINFORD, Murdoch Drive

A VERY LARGE 'LOFT' APARTMENT with PRIVATE PARKING SPACE & LARGE GARAGE, superbly located just off Moss Grove, close to amenities, offering a VERY GENEROUS and WELL APPOINTED layout including a HUGE 17ft LOUNGE and TWO LARGE BEDROOMS, EPC D

No upward chain — £146,950

SEDGLEY, Gibbons Hill Road

SPACIOUS, stylish, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed end "starter home" with lengthy garden abutting on to "The Beacon". Tremendously improved in recent years with porch, hall, lounge, dining room (double French doors out to garden), refitted kitchen, store, pantry, lobby, utility section, toilet. Three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite. Potential off road parking, superb gardens with brick store. EPC: T.B.A. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £145,000

LOWER GORNAL, Sandstone Close

Exceptionally well presented residence situated in this well sought after area of Lower Gornal with OPEN ASPECT VIEWS to rear. This family home, ideal for first-time buyers benefits from living room, kitchen-diner, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, central heating, double glazing, rear garden and drive to front. Viewing essential to fully appreciate this fantastic property. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £125,000

PENSNETT, Church Street

This MOST APPEALING, THREE BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOME comprises: Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, Three First Floor Bedrooms, Modern White Suite Bathroom, Driveway, Garage & Pretty Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC:

£119,950

SEDGLEY, Dormston House, Dudley Street

A GROUND FLOOR gas centrally heated and double glazed two bedroom flat in gated development within walking distance of Sedgley's Bullring and all associated amenities. The recently redecorated accommodation comprises through living room with well equipped kitchen section, inner hallway, two bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, allocated parking, communal grounds. EPC: C SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £115,000

GORNAL WOOD, Brook Street

A immaculately presented traditional detached property located in the extremely popular area of Lower Gornal, Dudley. This superb started home benefits from living room, dining room, kitchen-diner, TWO BEDROOMS, double glazing and gas central heating, enclosed rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC: E SEDGLEY

WAS £119,950, NOW £114,950

LOWER GORNAL, Deepdale Lane

Spacious modernised gas centrally heated (new boiler) uPVC double glazed terrace of character in popular area with panoramic distant views. Delightful accommodation provides sitting room, cellarage, dining room (with open fire place), enlarged/upgraded 17'6" breakfast kitchen (granite work surfaces 'Belfast' sink), refitted/tiled bathroom with white classic style suite. TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS (one with shower room en suite), further potential, good size gardens. EPC: E SEDGLEY

New price — WAS £115,000, NOW £110,000

BROCKMOOR, Briars Close

This DELIGHTFUL & VERY WELL PRESENTED, TWO BEDROOM PROPERTY would make a LOVELY FIRST HOME and comprises: Porch, Pleasant Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two First Floor Bedrooms, Well Appointed Bathroom, Off Road Parking & Pretty Rear Garden. EPC: E

£99,950

QUARRY BANK, New Street

This PLEASANTLY RE-DECORATED, PERIOD STYLE, END TERRACE HOME encompasses a DOUBLE GLAZED & GAS CENTRALLY HEATED LAYOUT which comprises: Hall, Two Spacious Reception Rooms, Well Fitted Kitchen, White Suite Bathroom, Two Large Bedrooms. EPC: D

£89,950

TIPTON, Carnegie Avenue

This RATHER CHARMING & QUIRKY, MODERN STYLE, END TERRACE HOME briefly comprising: Initial Hall, Lovely Lounge being Open Plan to Modern Kitchen with Dining Area, Generous Bedroom, Well Appointed Bathroom, Driveway, Garage, Large Garden. EPC D

New price — £79,950

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Being offered with no onward chain, the well presented spacious accommodation has a master bedroom and two further great sized bedrooms.

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Modern family home has been considerably improved

KINGSWINFORD
£389,950 <<<

Having an open day this Saturday (25JUN) between 11am and 1pm, 81a Market Street, Kingswinford is a modern five-bedroomed detached family home, which has been considerably improved.

Including a professional loft conversion, it is for sale through The Lee Shaw Partnership at a reduced price for the open day of £380,950.

It has excellent off-road parking to the front and a rear tarmacadam driveway giving access to the garage with adjoining gym and a good size rear garden. With gas central heating it has a through reception hall with study area, WC, lounge, garden room, dining room, re-fitted "avanti" breakfast kitchen with appliances, five bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom and en-suite shower room.

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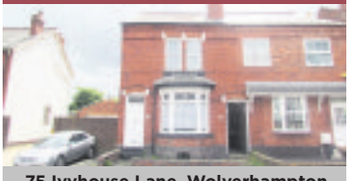
Viewing 24th June 15:45 & 29th June 10:00

105 Hazeldene Road, Sheldon
3 Bedroom Semi Detached House with Majority Double Glazing
Guide: £50,000 plus

Viewing 24th June 11:45 & 29th June 14:00



75 Ivyhouse Lane, Wolverhampton
Semi Detached House Converted into 2 Flats with Part Central Heating
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Viewing 24th June 9:45 & 29th June 16:00

49 Sydney Road, Smethwick
3 Bedroom Semi Detached House with Central Heating and Part Double Glazing
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Viewing 24th June 13:15 & 29th June 12:30

68 Woodstock Road, Wolverhampton
3 Bedroom End Terraced House with Central Heating and Majority Double Glazing
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Viewing 24th June 14:15 & 29th June 11:30

17 Brookthorpe Drive, Wolverhampton
4 Bedroom Link Detached with Central Heating and Majority Double Glazing
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Viewing 24th June 12:30 & 29th June 13:15

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Beautiful detached home hits the market

PEDMORE, STOURBRIDGE
£395,000 <<<

12 Meon Rise, Pedmore, Stourbridge is a beautifully presented and spacious four-bedroomed detached residence on a modern, landmark development.

The property boasts a luxury specification with a kitchen/ breakfast room, a large family lounge and dining room with a dual aspect, an enlarged laundry, two en-suites and a private rear garden.

Each room offers individual, stylish décor. The property further benefits from double glazed windows and gas fired central heating. The landscaped rear garden has a paved patio and additional circular seating area and lawn.and mature, well stocked borders and gated side access. There is a front driveway for two vehicles and access to a full length store room plus additional storage.

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Detached family home must be viewed

KIDDERMINSTER
£210,000

A simply beautiful detached family home, 57 Jay Park Crescent, Kidderminster, really needs to be viewed in order to fully appreciate what it has to offer its next owners.

It is for sale through Walton & Hipkiss at £210,000.

With a full width block paved driveway to the front providing ample parking, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, WC, a carpeted lounge with a feature fireplace, a superb spacious kitchen/ diner, a separate dining room perfect for formal entertaining, three good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom with an attractive white suite with a corner bath and wall tiling, a well-stocked rear garden and tandem garage.

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3 Bed Semi Detached Property
Guide: £64,000 - £68,000

25 Oakham Avenue, Dudley
3 Bedroom Semi Detached House
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Current Gross Income: £4,500 pa.
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Executive four bedroom residence with dining kitchen

GORNAL WOOD
£329,950 <<<

Exceptionally spacious, this imposing executive four-bedroomed residence in Hopyard Lane, Gornal Wood, comes with a magnificent dining kitchen.

With the vendors offering to pay the stamp duty, it is for sale through Taylors at £329,950.

Situated within walking distance of the village and with gas central heating and double glazing. It has a smart reception hall, WC, sitting room with a bay window, a re-fitted dining kitchen with integrated appliances, a dining room leading through to a substantial conservatory and utility room.

The principal bedroom has fitted wardrobes and shower room en suite. There are three further generous bedrooms, a bathroom, large garage, a secluded garden and parking.

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Apartment ideal as buy to let or investment

NETHERTON
£94,950

A well presented two-bedroomed luxury top-floor apartment in a popular location, 24 Purlin Wharf, Netherton, would make a great buy to let or investment purchase.

It is for sale through The Property Shop at £94,950.

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Fantastic value for price tag

By John Griffiths

Given a choice, I suppose most of us would like to be driving a 200mph supercar, or a Hollywood star's limousine: but buying one (and running it) are a very different matter.

Instead we use our heads and go for the most practical form of transport to meet our own particular needs, within the limits of what we can afford (or want to pay for a car).

So as car prices soar, the entrance of Dacia into the showrooms of Britain and other European countries must have been greeted with a sigh of relief for those without a bottomless pit of money.

One of its most popular models is the Duster, which offers that styling plus space and practicality for the price of a small hatchback. With prices starting from under £9,500 (albeit for a no-frills, rather basic version), the Duster stands out from the crowd of compact SUVs for sheer value for money.

Indeed even the better-kitted versions, with all the features we take for granted and a bit more, cost less than many of its most basic rivals. The test car, for example, a diesel-powered Laureate model costs from under £14,000 even with the addition of the optional satnav and multi-media system, with remote controls on the steering wheel.

The Duster recently enjoyed a facelift, with some styling touches to add to its visual appeal. There's a new chrome grille, Duster branded roof bars, new, higher quality upholstery, and – in the case of the Laureate – body coloured door handles, 16-inch alloy wheels dark metal wing mirrors and chrome scuff plates front and rear.

The cheap look of the plastic interior components is broken up with a high gloss finish on areas such as the armrest and interior door handles. Not that plastic is necessarily a bad thing – just ask parents of young children and dog owners who want surfaces that are quick and easy to wipe.

The Duster seats four adults easily (five at a pinch) with plenty of head and leg room even in the back. The cargo space puts many compact SUV and family hatchback rivals to shame – 475 litres with a full complement of passengers, and an impressive 1,636 litres with rear seats folded down.

Complemented

The test car was a front wheel drive only model (four wheel drive adds £2,000 to the price) powered by a Renault-derived turbo diesel, producing 109bhp complemented by 260Nm of torque.

It's official (from the standard laboratory test) fuel average is 62.8mpg, which translates into a low CO2 emissions figiure of 115g/km (VED band C).

Laboratory test figures, as we know, rarely translate into real world results but I was happy with the 52mpg achieved over a week of mixed motoring.

The car has an Eco button, plus a selectable stop/start system, to help you eke out precious fuel. An insurance rating of 11A will help to keep running costs down too.

Performance (0 to 62mph in 11.8 seconds) is plenty to get you up to the motorway limit or keep up with everyday traffic, without feeling like hard work or undue noise. Indeed, cruising at speed is a relaxed and refined affair, particularly as the quite soft suspension flattens out the bumps and undulations on some of our poorer road surfaces,

While this is a front wheel drive only model, the car has a raised ride height, scuff plates, long travel suspension plus traction and stability controls which means it does have some limited off-road ability – certainly more than a standard hatchback, anyone.

The 4x4 versions also get a centre differential lock, where you can select two wheel drive for on- road economy, an auto option for slippery roads or a full lock mode for off-roading and snow.

The vehicle's height, plus suspension which is also used on the 4x4 models, means you can't expect the handling dynamics of a hot hatch but the Duster can be hustled along without excessive body roll. The steering is light and stable in the straight ahead position. The six-speed gearbox has a slick action, and the Duster's brakes are well up to the task.

The centre of the Laureate's dash features a touch screen control for the optional satnav plus the audio (radio and CD player) controls, phone and USB connectivity,

Standard Duster equipment includes from and side airbags, ABS with emergency brake assist, traction control and an electronic stability programme, electric front windows, and remote central locking.

The higher specification Laureate also has alloy wheels, satin chrome roof rails and scuff plates, manual air conditioning, a split/fold rear seat, electric windows all round, a height adjustable steering wheel front fog lights, a cruise control/speed limiter and a multi-function trip computer.

While the basic Duster at £9,500 and powered by a 1,600cc petrol engine, is the bargain basement the diesel-powered Laureate is the bargain.

Whichever way you look at it, the Duster is outstanding value for money.

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New ultimate Octavia vRS

By John Griffiths

WHEN Skoda's sporty Ocatvia vRS first hit the streets 15 years ago, it was seen as something of a a practical family saloon which hid its performance light under a bushel.

But that didn't last for long, when police forces up and down the country began using the discreet vRS as an unmarked, uncover car for bringing road-going offenders to book. It rapidly became something of a legend.

Now Britain is Skoda's number one market for the sporting marque, with a quarter of all Octavias sold here bearing the vRS badge on their bonnet. That still includes the blue light brigade, where the Skoda has to prove itself in performance, handling and braking tests against much more expensive cars before it can even be considered for recruitment.

Now, though, there's a new, ultimate Octavia vRS which doesn't only do the business but looks the part too, with some styling touches which set it apart.

Like its siblings in shares the same modifield platform and engine as its perhaps more famous cousin from parent company VW, the Golf GTI. But Skoda's engineers have turned up the wick on the 2.0 litre turbocharged engine, so that it now produces an extra 10PS (to 230PS) of power – hence its full name the Octavia vRS 230.

It also gets the sophisticated electronic differential system first seen in the SEAT Leon Cupra which, with its benefits from traction and sure handling, gave that car the fastest front wheel drive crown on the fast and twisting Nurburgring.

The vRS 230 official 0 to 62mph spring time is 6.7 seconds, only a tenth quicker than the standard 220PS vRS so you begin to see the significance of the electronic diff. That, plus a modified free-flowing sports exhaust and the modest power increase seem to have done wonders for the Octavia too: it completed the Nurburgring ten whole seconds faster than the standard vRS.

As for its looks, it's not just the vRS badging which sets the new flagship model apart: a gloss black finish on the grill, door mirrors and spoiler, 19-inch alloy wheels, and red brake calipers

Inside, it has red-stitched leather sports seats (heated and electrically adjustable, naturally), a leather-trimmed multi-function sports steering wheel and sports suspension.

Potential

There's also a performance mode selection feature: in other words press a button and you unleash the full potential of the 230PS under the bonnet.

That extra kit and performance put the price of the vRS 230 up by £2,500 to £26,580: hardly bargain basement, you might think, but compare that to the higher prices of the Golf GTI and other performance rivals and it begins to look better and better.

The Skoda's cabin is a pleasant place to be, with plenty rake and reach adjustment on the steering wheel and electrically adjustable seats for the driver to find his ideal position.

While the extra power does make a slight difference to performance, its the fact that this is a VW Group TSI (turbocharged) engine which really dictates the car's character, It endows the vRS with a hefty 350Nm of torque, all of which is available from just 1,500rpm. This gives it the feel of a bigger engine, with get up and go from the moment you touch the throttle, and responsive almost regardless of speed or gear.

But if you do stir the positive six-speed gearbox and press harder with your right foot, you're rewarded with a surge of acceleration and a pleasing growl from the sports exhaust.

This combination of relatively small engine and turbocharging has other benefits, too. If you drive with a little restraint and avoid going for the growl too often, you can achieve around 40mpg (the official average is 45.5mpg with CO2 emissions of 142g/km).

That's entirely reasonable for a full-sized family saloon with this performance potential.

The Octavia has proved its practicality and durability with familes, the emergency services and, of course, taxi drivers – I recently rode in one with 400,000 miles on the clock.

The vRS, of course, may have more go but it's basically the same car with room on board for five with a big boot – 590 litres, in fact, or up to 1,580 litres with the rear seats folded flat.

This new 230 version is, as you'd expect, one of the best equipped, too, with dual zone climate control (and separate outlets for those in the rear), an upmarket audio and connectivity system, touchscreen navigation, sunset glass and that sporty leather upholstery.

To complete the sporting theme, the multifunction trip computer even includes a lap timer: handy if you're planning a trip to the Nurburgring, no doubt.

There is a comprehensive range of safety equipment, from seven airbags to electronic wizardry such as traction, stability and brake enhance,ent systems, plus hill hold assist and cruise control.

The Octavia, along with its smaller sibling the Fabia hatchback, are the dynamic duo when it comes to driving Skoda forward to its 75,000 UK sales last year – although the much-praised new Superb is making headway too.

The new Octavia vRS 230 flagship will no doubt draw more attention to the Octavia range, which later this year will include a new Sport Line version: similarly equipped to a standard car but with sports styling to broaden the car's appeal.

Best in class for fifth year

FORD'S tiny yet powerful 1.0-litre EcoBoost engine has been voted best in class at the International Engine of the Year Awards for the fifth year in a row.

Judges praised the combination of drivability, performance, economy, refinement and technology that continues to set the standard.

The frugal three-cylinder EcoBoost engine was named "Best Engine Under 1.0-litre" by a panel of 65 automotive journalists, from 31 countries, to win its class each and every year since launch.

This year it finished ahead of 32 competitor engines, 19 more than it competed against in 2012.

Significantly, 2015 also saw an increase in competition from global automotive manufacturers of sub 1.0-litre, turbocharged engines with direct fuel injection.

In 2014, the 1.0-litre EcoBoost became the first engine to be named overall International Engine of the Year for a third time in a row, and also was in 2012 named "Best New Engine." In 2015, more than 105,000 Ford vehicles were sold with the 1.0-litre EcoBoost in the UK alone.

"The 1.0-litre EcoBoost was a game-changer, and despite others following our lead, it remains the undisputed benchmark in its class five years on," said Joe Bakaj, vice president, product development, Ford of Europe. "The spirit of innovation continues to drive us as we look to use the same smart thinking for a new breed of efficient, clean and powerful down-sized diesel engines."

Available with 100 PS, 125 PS and 140 PS, and even 180 PS in the Ford Fiesta R2 rally car, the 1.0-litre EcoBoost engine powers vehicles in 72 countries worldwide. In 140 PS form, the engine delivers a bigger power-to-litre ratio than a Bugatti Veyron. A road-legal Formula Ford fitted with a 205 PS version of the engine also lapped the famous Nürburgring circuit, in Germany, in seven minutes 22 seconds; a performance that put it ahead of a host of supercars including the 600+ horsepower Lamborghini Aventador, Ferrari Enzo and Pagani Zonda.

Eleven models, including Fiesta, EcoSport, B-MAX, Focus, C-MAX, Grand C-MAX, Tourneo and Transit Connect, Tourneo and Transit Courier, and Mondeo are available in Europe with the multi-award winning engine. Nearly one in three Ford vehicles sold in the UK in 2015 were equipped with the turbocharged 1.0-litre unit, and almost half of all Fiesta sales.

Hot Civic Type R sets new lap times

By James Parker

Honda's 'race car for the road' Civic Type R has crisscrossed Europe in an effort to set new benchmarks for front wheel drive production cars at five legendary circuits across Europe.

Inspired by the Civic Type R which smashed the front wheel drive lap time at the Nürburgring Nordschleife in May 2014, the Honda team developed this European challenge to assert Type R as the leading front wheel drive performance hatchback.

The campaign started on a rain soaked day in April at Silverstone, the home of the British Grand Prix. Three-time British Touring Car Championship winner Matt Neal took the wheel to set a time of two minutes 44.45 seconds. Not content with this time, Matt and the team returned to the circuit later in the month to set a dry lap time of two minutes 31.85 seconds.

In early May, attention shifted to the iconic Spa-Francorchamps circuit in Belgium. The track, beloved by racers of all nationalities and featuring the famous Eau Rouge section, was taken on by Honda Racing new boy Rob Huff. Huff set a blistering time of two minutes 56.91 seconds.

With two attempts successfully completed, Italy's historic Monza circuit was the next target. Another member of Honda's WTCC squad, Hungary's Norbert Michelisz, took the wheel and piloted the car around the famous Parabolica to return a time of two minutes 15.16 seconds.

Momentum was building towards the final session at the Hungaroring, but first a trip to historic Estoril with Tiago Monteiro taking the reins on home turf. However, a nasty crash at the WTCC Race of Germany put the Honda ace out of action. Fellow Portuguese racer and WTCC safety car driver Bruno Correia was drafted in at 24 hours notice. With just one day in the car, Bruno posted a time of two minutes 4.08 seconds.

Finally, the team arrived at the last session in Hungary on June 6. The perfect driver for this mission was once again Norbert Michelisz, following his race win here in 2015 while racing a WTCC Civic Type R for independents Zengő Motorsport.

Over two days, Norbert pushed his production Type R to the limit to set a benchmark of two minutes 10.85 seconds and wrap up the five circuit effort.

Philip Ross, Senior Vice President of Honda Motor Europe, commented, "This challenge secures Civic Type R's position as the benchmark in the front wheel drive performance segment. With the support of our touring car stars, it is a fitting testament to the team who engineered and designed it as the ultimate race car for the road."

At its launch a year ago, the Honda Civic Type R represented the start of a new performance era for Honda; drawing on the brand's racing DNA to deliver the pinnacle of the Civic line-up.

A crucial part of a wave of next-generation vehicles from Honda – which will continue this summer with the launch of the all-new NSX – the Type R is a fundamental demonstration of the brand's pioneering approach to technological innovation.

The Civic Type R boasts a world-first application of Honda's new 2.0-litre VTEC TURBO engine, aggressive function-led styling, and pioneering new chassis technologies. Together, these features deliver one of the most immersive and rewarding driving experiences in any sector.

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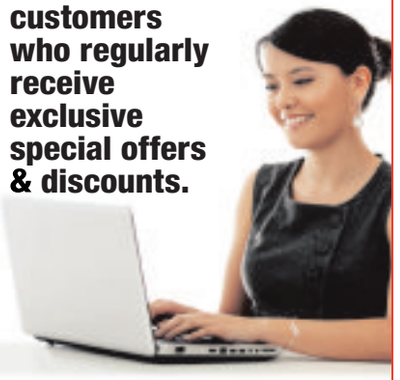

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Alan and Jenny Hughes met at the tennis club 60 years ago

Couples court in tennis club's own love match

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Formed in 1924 in Finchfield, Linden Lea's history is remarkable. They've survived a World War, redevelopment plans giving them just 12 months to relocate and the tough act of constantly bleeding new members into the club.

The club is set to open its first tennis academy at its impressive hub in the centre of Compton Park campus.

Chairman Alan Hughes has been married to fellow club member Jenny for 54 years. They met at the club more than 60 years ago.

Together, along with up to a dozen other lasting marriages the pair have seen the club peak as not just a tennis club, but also one of the most reputable social meeting points in the area.

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But for now Alan, aged 76, and 81-year-old Jenny are thrilled at the plans put in place to ensure the club has a rich future to match its glorious past.

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"It's been fantastic to move onto the new site with the brick-built clubhouse and three floodlit courts," said Alan.

"We're on the Compton complex next to Wolves' training base and there are two schools there, St Peter's Collegiate and St Edmund's.

"There is Wolverhampton Girls' High School just down the road and also Wolverhampton Grammar School, with places like Smestow Academy also close.

"The Way Youth Zone in the city are also very keen to be involved.

"We want more youngsters at the club. At the moment we have about 60 senior members and 30 juniors.

"So we hope that the academy will help us with that and get more local kids involved."

Mike Clendon is chairman of the club, which boasts three men's teams competing in the South Staffs Tennis League, along with a women's team.

For their fresh academy unveiling, Hughes and Co are hoping that the brother and sister partnership of Dan and Sally Nicholson will prove a big attraction.

Sally arrives as official coach of the academy, while Dan – who coaches with Wombourne and Worfield tennis clubs, will also be helping out.

The club recently hosted a taster session open day for keen youngsters to come and practise their shots.

Alan continued: "We think there is tremendous potential for our club now.

"We have tried before to moderate success but there is real impetus with the new clubhouse and facilities. Last time we were on older courts, rather caught up on a building site.

"Dan and Sally's help will hopefully really get the academy off the deck.

"We're hoping to have a great relationship with the schools and the youth zone. I know Dan has already been St Peter's to give some sessions."

Driving up interest has not always been a concern for Linden Lea. Hughes explained the secret to long-lasting 'love' – was purely that the club was the place to be.

"In those days we were the centre of junior activity in the area," he said. "We actually had to limit the age that people were able to join at 22. There was even a waiting list!

"It wasn't just tennis. We would go to dances, do swimming – all different social things."

They would regularly hold jumble sales, and visit Swancote Swimming Pool, stopping off for a refreshing trip to the Cider House on the way home.

Weddings

"As youngsters do when they go to social clubs and spend a lot of time in one place – the young men and women got together," he added.

"There have been lots of weddings, my own included, and all of the partnerships saw a lifetime.

"Some have died now and some moved away, but we have a handful who remain social members and we get together every month.

"Neville Tarratt is 90 now and last year he helped us open the new base, he even gave a speech.

"Roger and Monica Wilkes remain part of our social club and Peter and Joyce Wakeman are still interested in the wellbeing of the club."

While the past remains a fairytale story, Alan is insistent that Linden Lea's latest initiatives will provide a bright future. "It's very easy to think of the past," he said. "But we've got to look forward."

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By Lewis Cox

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New signing is ready to make debut

NEW Cradley signing Richard Andrews is the missing link in the team – and he wants to put that right sooner rather than later.

Andrews will make his debut for the Motor Market side in their home meeting with his former club Eastbourne at Monmore Green on Monday.

He started the season with the Eagles before suffering a broken scaphoid on the opening day of the season – and he's taken longer than expected to recover.

But he was back on a bike at Somerset last Friday and is hoping for some more practice before Monday night.

Heathens have been struggling since Jack Kingston stood aside in May due to increasing pressure away from the sport with work.

Andrews said: "They've been struggling for points in the middle of their team and hopefully I can put that right for them.

"My first meeting is definitely going to be a strange one but I want to get off to a positive start.

"I've been having a laugh with the Eastbourne fans on Facebook – they've been asking me to go easy on them but I'm a Cradley rider now and I want to get some race wins under my belt again.

"I think I'll enjoy myself at Cradley like I did at Eastbourne because they're two similar clubs.

"They're two of the bigger teams in the National League, they've got a great fan base and they're ambitious just like I am too."

Heathens will be without James Purchase who has suffered a shoulder injury and needs time on the sidelines.

It means an extended run for Bradley Andrews, who was dropped from the side when Layne Cupitt came in last week. Boss Will Pottinger said: "This is an opportunity for Brad."

Glassboys take on Shrewsbury in friendly next month

EXCITING winger Matt Dodd has become the latest player to commit to Stourbridge for next season.

Dodd, who joined the Glassboys in March 2015, was an influential figure last term with his pace on the right flank causing problems for opposing defenders but saw his season cut short by an injury sustained during the Easter Monday derby with Halesowen Town.

The Glassboys return for pre-season training on July 2 with boss Gary Hackett hoping to have wrapped up deals for three new players by them

Stourbridge have added a further home friendly to their pre-season schedule. The Glassboys will host Shrewsbury Town at Amblecote on Monday, July 25 (7.45 pm). There are links between the two clubs stretching back years, most notably the transfers of strikers Chic Bates and Ray Haywood from Stourbridge to Shrewsbury in 1974. Manager Hackett is also a former Shrews player.

Stourbridge have announced the appointment of former defensive stalwart Nathan Bennett new assistant-manager of the under 18s.

Club juniors get chance to shine

Succesful juniors at the Paul Weston Aquathlon

JUNIOR members of Black Country triathletes shone as they competed in both the club triathlon on Saturday and the Paul Weston Aquathlon on Sunday.

In the club triathlon held at Ounsdale Leisure Centre juniors aged between nine and 14 competed at different distances in the pool, on the bike and run to try and gain points towards the club annual race series. Tristar 1 age group was won by Rosie Briscoe for the girls and Owen Ulfig for the boys, Tristar 2 was won by Holly Briscoe and Tom Hipwood and Tristar 3 age group was won by Ellie Willis and Joel Humpage.

Triathlon

It was a great club event that not only provided an opportunity for the children to practice racing competitively against each other but also shows what great support they have for each other cheering their club mates on across the age groups.

Sunday saw most of them race again against juniors from across the West Midlands at The University of Birmingham in the Paul Weston Aquathlon, part of the West Midlands Series.

'NO FEAR' IN RING RETURN

TIPTON'S Lee Glover has no fear of failure as he attempts to rebuild his career starting with a fight at Walsall next month.

The resilient 29-year-old appears on a Town Hall bill for the first time since November 2014 when he steps through the ropes on July 9.

'The Tipton Slasher' has the words 'No Fear' written on his boxing shorts and that's appears to be his motto too.

Glover has twice been beaten for the English super featherweight title and was last stopped in two rounds by Leigh Wood for the Midlands feather crown.

Defeat against a yet-to-be-decided opponent at the Town Hall would likely finish his career completely.

He said: "I haven't boxed in the Black Country for a while, so I can't wait to be a part of a local show. I think the atmosphere will be buzzing.

Confident

"I always take a lot of fans, so it should be a great night. This fight is make or break for me. I have lost the last two, so if I lose again I may as well pack it in.

"When I win I will put myself back in the picture. I am feeling really confident, I have trained even harder than before, so I am ready.

"There is still a lot on the line in this fight but it doesn't feel as pressured because there isn't a belt at stake, so I can enjoy it a bit more.

"As long as I box to the best of my ability, I can't moan whatever the outcome is. I am fully ready to show up and give a good performance on the day."

Glover has drawn on a line under his defeat to Wood, which came in front of a TV audience as it was broadcast on Sky Sports.

He said: "I struggled to make the weight. I was trying to make nine stone and I was at that weight when I was 12!"

Halesowen's Lennox Clarke tops the Town Hall bill, with an opportunity to make it a dozen wins without reply. A whopping nine bouts will support the main event with former Midlands welterweight champion Rob Hunt, from Stafford, facing the 30th bout of his decade-long pro career.

Fighters head off to Europe

The squad with sponsors from the Lions Club. Picture: Richard Watkins

ONLY one day remains before young Gloves Karate heads off to the continent to take on the best Europe.

The fighters will represent England for the WKU in the European championships in Germany.

A club spokesman said this was an incredible achievement, adding the whole club was proud of the 12 squad members who have been successfully selected to represent England. Their call-ups came as a result of many successful competition performances in national events over the past 12 months. The team, led by head instructor Sensei Justin Thomas, flies out tomorrow (Friday), and returns on Sunday.

The spokesman said: "Special thanks must go out to our sponsors, Lions Club for supplying our squad tracksuits, ADI Treatments for our transport, and The Monday Night Club for our new karate suits."

Beginners' memorial 5k run event

THE culmination of the beginners' course at Dudley Kingswinford Running Club arrived as their 12 week progression came to its conclusion with the Gavin Tipper 5k.

A race is held annually by DK to commemorate a former member of both the running and rugby club and the only rugby club player to have scored a try for the club at Twickenham. Upon retiring Gavin devoted a great deal of time to coaching at both Tipton Harriers and Black Country Triathletes before his untimely death. Fittingly the race donated the money raised to Action Heart, the cardiac rehabilitation programme at Russells Hall Hospital.

On an evening that threatened torrential rain and thunderstorms, the athletes toeing the line were lucky to miss the worst of the weather. With localised flooding reported throughout the area it appears someone was looking down on the field as the worst they experienced was a light drizzle which made the course slippery on the corners.

It was a clean sweep for the green and white hoops of Tipton Harriers with Tom Holden taking victory in 15.30, Shaun Barnsley finished runner up in 15.52 and Paul Rogers claimed 3rd place in 16.37. In the ladies' race Tipton were again to the fore with Sophie Lynch first across the line in 17.58 from Sally-Anne Walker in 18.47 and Bethany Walker in 3rd in 18.56.

Simon Blizzard was first home for the hosts in 17.46. However, this was more a night for the beginners rather than established runners with most pulling on the yellow marshal bib rather than the blue hooped vest. The stand out beginners' performancecame from Tom Porter who finished in a time of 20.30 to take 42nd place.

OSH rugby skipper faces South Africa

HUW Taylor, a former student at Old Swinford Hospital in Stourbridge, was part of the England Under-20s squad which cemented their place in the semi-finals of the World Rugby tournament this week.

England will now go on to face South Africa in the semi-final after beating Australia 17-13 to top pool B.

Head Coach Martin Haag said "South Africa are going to by physical and well-drilled. We'll keep the focus on ourselves and concentrate on ensuring there is a step up in our performance."

Worcester Warrior Huw from Claverley, joined OSH in 2007. Both he and elder brother Ed were captains of the OSH 1st XV.

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